

Minor/Major League Guidelines (supplement to Little League Rulebook)

1. All bats must bear the USA Baseball Logo or be a solid 1 piece wood bat (solid wood bats do not have to have logo)
2. Games are 6 innings. No new inning may be started after 1 hour 45 minutes (2 hours for tournament). Once an inning is started, finish the inning unless one of the following applies:
 - a. Game will be shortened with 15 run rule after 3 innings (Rule 4.10 (e)) OR
 - b. Game will be shortened with 10 run rule after 4 innings (Rule 4.10 (e)) OR
 - c. Game will be shortened with 8 run rule after 5 innings (Rule 4.10 (e))
3. There is NO run rule per inning
4. Mandatory play rules are enforced
 - a. Every rostered player MUST play a minimum of 6 consecutive defensive outs
 - i. If the game is shortened for any reason and a player did not meet minimum play requirements that player shall start the next game
5. Continuous batting order must be used and all players are in the batting order for all innings (including those who are not playing a defensive position).
6. Pitching Rules (Regulation VI)
 - a. Once a pitcher has been removed from the mound, they may not return as pitcher
 - b. Any player who has played catcher for 4 innings may **NOT** pitch
 - c. Any player who has played catcher for 3 innings OR less and moves to the pitcher position and delivers 21 pitches or more may **NOT** return to the position of catcher
 - d. Any pitcher delivering more than 40 pitches (unless reaching a threshold) may NOT catch
 - e. The pitching limit for league age Major 11/12 is 85 pitches per day and Minor 9/10 is 75 pitches per day and 6/8 is 50 pitches per day (ages are league age, if there are kids that have moved up, they will need to adhere to the pitch limit for their actual league age)
 - f. Refer to Regulation VI regarding # of pitches and # of days of rest (a day of rest = calendar day)
 - i. 0-20 pitches = 0 days rest
 - ii. 21-35 pitches = 1 day rest
 - iii. 36-50 pitches = 2 days rest
 - iv. 51-65 pitches = 3 days rest
 - v. 66 + pitches = 4 days rest
 - g. A pitchers undershirt can NOT be white OR gray (Rule 1.11 (3))
7. It is recommended to check pitch counts after every ½ inning.
8. **NO** On Deck Batters Allowed **OR** Coaches in the field of play
9. **NO** lead offs
10. **NO** head first sliding unless returning to a base, otherwise runner will be called out (Rule 7.08 (4))
11. The traditional batting donut is **NOT** permitted (Rule 1.10 Note 1)
12. Courtesy runners are allowed for the catcher and/or pitcher of record when there are 2 outs (Rule 7.14(b)) With continuous batting order, the courtesy runner shall be the player in the batting order who made the last out.
13. A game may be started with 8 players (Rule 4.04 Local League Option)
14. Mound Visits
 - a. A coach may come out 1 time in one inning to visit with pitcher but the 2nd time out the pitcher will be removed
 - b. A coach may come out 2 times in a game to visit the pitcher but the 3rd time out the pitcher will be removed

15. If the game will end as a tie, the international tie breaker rule will be in effect. The player who recorded the last out in the previous inning will be placed on 2nd base and another inning will be played. If that results in a tie, the game is recorded as a tie. There can be no tie game in tournament so the international tie breaker rule will continue until there is a clear and decisive winning team.
16. In the event your game is rained out, it is the home teams responsibility to arrange the make up game. The games should be made up within 2 weeks if possible. If the home team fails to offer 2 dates to the visiting team in which neither team has a game scheduled to make up the cancelled game then the home team will take the loss. If the visiting team doesn't agree to make up the game, then the visiting team will take the loss.