

2009 Little League Baseball Tournament Rule Differences (Junior/Senior/Big League Divisions)

Divisions	Junior League Baseball	Senior League Baseball	Big League Baseball
Eligibility (League Age)	12, 13, or 14 years old Junior or Senior Divisions	14, 15, or 16 years old Junior, Senior, or Big League	16, 17, or 18 years old Senior, or Big League
Roster Size	Maximum Team Roster 16 players.		Maximum Team Roster 17 players
	Total 13 players or more at start of the game. 1 Manager and 2 Coaches Total 12 players or less at start of the game. 1 Manager and 1 Coach		
Penalty Mandatory Play Requirements	MUST complete one time at bat, AND play three (3) consecutive defensive outs during the game; (may be protested) unless game is shortened for any reason		Not Required
	Manager suspended for 2 games POSSIBLE: Team forfeiture and disqualification		
Age/Number of Pitches Allowed per Day	12 Yrs. - 85 Per Day 13 & 14 Yrs. 95 Per Day	14 to 16 Yrs. 95 Per Day	16 to 18 Yrs. 105 Per Day
Pitching Rest	1 to 35 pitches in a day, no rest is required. 36 to 60 pitches in a day = 1 calendar day and a games rest must be observed; 61 or more pitches in a day = 2 calendar days and a games rest must be observed.		
Pitching In Consecutive Days/Games	14 and under may pitch in consecutive days/games if less than 36 pitches were pitched in previous game.		
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Pitchers Returning to the Mound	Pitcher's remaining in the game but moving to a different position, (except catcher) can return as a pitcher only once per game. Visit count does not reset		
Pitchers Moving To Another Position	A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day		
Substitution and Re-Entry Starter or Substitute	A starter may be removed for a substitute BEFORE meeting MPR. Any player who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game at any time in the SAME position in the batting order. A substitute entering the game for the first time may not be removed prior to completion of her/his mandatory play requirements, (3) defensive outs AND completed one time at bat.	A starter (including the DH) who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game once, provided such player occupies the same position in the batting order. A substitute (removed) may not re-enter.	
Line-up Changes	Defensive substitutions must be made while the team is on defense. Offensive substitutions must be made at the time the offensive player has his/her turn at bat or is on base.		
Double Headers	No more than two (2) games in one day allowed		
Offensive Conferences	Only one (1) per inning		
Defensive Conferences (Visits) With Pitcher or any defensive player(s)	Two in an inning; pitcher must be removed from the mound on the third visit in an inning. Three in a game; pitcher must be removed from the mound on the fourth visit in the game. Visit count resets for new pitcher, but does NOT reset for returning pitcher. Visits at mound with any other player(s)		
Regulation Game (Complete)	Seven full innings, 6 ½ if home team is ahead		
Regulation Game (Called)	5 full innings or 4 ½ if home team is ahead		
Little League Curfew Local Curfew	No new inning after 11:30 p.m.		No new inning after 12:00 midnight.
	Local curfews stopping games before LL curfew must be suspended and completed the following day.		
Designated Hitter	Not allowed		Allowed – Rule 3.03 (e)
10 Run Rule	After 5 innings, 4 1/2 if home team is ahead		
Special Pinch Runner	Allowed (Rule 7.14) - once per inning, any player not presently in the lineup may be used. A player may only be removed for a special pinch runner one time during a game.		
Intentional Walk	If the pitcher wishes to intentionally walk a batter, he/she must do so by pitching four pitches intentionally outside the strike zone that are not struck at by the batter, and are called "balls" by the umpire. All such pitches will count in determining that pitcher's pitch count.		
On Deck Batting Position	Permitted.		
Equipment	Catchers: Long or short model chest protector. Protective cup, for male catchers. Catchers helmet with dangling throat protector for catcher. Metal cleats. Allowed 7 NOCSAE batting helmets required.		
	Re-painted and re-applied decals on helmets not allowed unless by written approval from manufacturer.		
Baseballs	Must be licensed by Little league designated RS-T		
Bats Length Diameter/Weight	Metal or Wood: Length 34"; Max Diameter. 2 5/8".		Metal 36 " X 2 5/8" dia Wood 36 " long 2 5/8" dia Weight not more than 3 oz less Length
	No softball bats are allowed. An illegal bat must be removed		
Protests For:	Playing Rule: Must be made before the next pitch/play/or attempted play. Ineligible Pitcher or Mandatory Play: Must be made before the umpires leave the playing field. Ineligible Player: When facts become known to complainant, but before the next game for either team. Improper Substitution: Protest not resolved before the next pitch or play shall not be considered.		