

| 2024 LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT RULES SUMMARY* (red=changes from 2023) |   |   |                             |   |                        | 6/18/2024  |
|---|---|---|-----------------------------|---|------------------------|--|
| Divisions   | 8-10 Baseball   | 9-11 Baseball                                   | 10-12 Major League Baseball | 50/70   | Junior League Baseball | Senior League Baseball                             |
| Manager/Coach   | One manager and two coaches permitted regardless of number of players   |   |                             |   |                        |  |
| Manager/Coach warming up pitcher  | Not permitted in tournament (even though it was during regular season)  |   |                             |   |                        |  |
| Mandatory Play Requirement  | Replaced with mandatory use of continuous batting order.<br>Free substitution on defense. No minimum defensive play requirement.  |   |                             |   |                        | Does not apply                                     |
| Player arriving late  | May be inserted at manager's discretion. Must go to end of lineup   |   |                             |   |                        | Manager discretion (sub)                           |
| Player injured/ill/leaves site  | Team will skip over spot in batting order w/o penalty; player may subsequently return but must go to original spot in order; if unable to complete a plate appearance next batter resumes count; if unable to finish running the bases, last player who was out takes spot on bases   |   |                             |   |                        | Does not apply                                     |
| Batter Box Rule 3(a)  | Keep one foot in the box. Exception: on a swing/check swing, forced out by a pitch, attempts a drag bunt, loose ball, when there is a play, time, pitcher leaves the mound, on a three ball pitch that is a strike that the batter thinks it's a ball.  |   |                             |   |                        |  |
| Penalty   | After warning, dead ball, strike to batter  |   |                             | After warning, strike to batter, live ball  |                        |  |
| On-Deck Batters   | Not allowed   |   |                             | Allowed   |                        |  |
| Non Wood Bats   | USABat Certification Required   |   |                             | USABat or BBCOR   |                        | BBCOR  |
| Illegal Bats  | <p>In all Tournament levels and divisions, the penalty for use of an illegal bat, if discovered before the next player enters the batter's box following the turn at bat of the player who used an illegal bat, is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The batter is out (<b>NOTE:</b> The manager of the defense may advise the plate umpire of a decision to decline this portion of the penalty and accept the play. Such election shall be made immediately at the end of the play)</li> </ul> <p>The manager of the team will be ejected from the game, the batter who violated the rule will be ejected from the game, and the offensive team will lose one eligible adult base coach for the duration of the game.</p> |   |                             |   |                        |  |
| Pitching Threshold  | Pitches/Day: Exception: If a pitcher reaches a day(s) rest threshold while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: 1. That batter reaches base 2. That batter is retired; 3. The third out is made to complete the half inning; (4) the pitcher is removed from the mound prior to the batter completing his/her at-bat. The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar day(s) of rest for the threshold he/she reached during that at-bat, provided that pitcher is removed before delivering a pitch to another batter.   |   |                             |   |                        |  |
| Pitching on consecutive days or in consecutive games                          | Players may pitch if less than (21) pitches were pitched in previous game.  |   |                             |   |                        | Less than (31) (age 15-16)                         |
| Pitching in a Resumed Game 9/10, 10/11, LL, Jr                                | Suspended game resumed the next day: If pitcher pitched 20 or fewer pitches, may continue – pitch count starts at zero. If 21-40 pitches, may continue – pitch count picks up from previous game. If 41 or more pitches, not eligible. If another game intervenes. (4g)   |   |                             |   |                        | Same except 30/60 pitches instead of 20/40         |
| 4(e)  | <b>NOTE: UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL A PLAYER PITCH IN THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE DAYS.</b>   |   |                             |   |                        |  |
| Pitching in Double Headers  | Not Allowed (4f)  |   | Not Allowed                 | OK if 30 or less pitches were pitched in first game. JR (4f) League Age 12: not allowed   |                        |  |
| Pitcher Returning   | Pitchers once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers   |   |                             | A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, may return as a pitcher, but only once per game                      |                        |  |
| 15/10/8 Run Rule  | 15 after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings. No 8-run rule in Tournament play  |   |                             | 15 after 4 innings, 10 after 5 innings. No 8-run rule in Tournament play  |                        |  |
| Player Re-Entry   | Not applicable due to Continuous Batting Order<br>Players may be entered or re-entered defensively at any time  |   |                             |   |                        | Starters can re-enter once<br>Subs cannot re-enter |
| Special Pinch Runner  | Not allowed due to Continuous Batting Order   |   |                             |   |                        | Once per inning max<br>Twice per game max          |
| Courtesy Runner   | With two outs, a courtesy runner may be used for pitcher or catcher of record. Runner must be the player in the batting order who made the last out. <b>Allowed even the first time through the batting order (per Rule 2 AT-BAT Note 2)</b>  |   |                             |   |                        | Not allowed  |
| Third Strike Not Caught   | Not Allowed   | Allowed (3c) & 6.09(b)                          |                             | Allowed (3c) & 6.09(b)  |                        |  |
| Intentional Walk  | At any time a team can call time out and request an unpitched intentional walk. For each batter this can only be done once per game. Pitches not pitched are added to the pitch count.  |   |                             |   |                        |  |
| Protests  | <p><b>Playing Rule:</b> Must be made before the next pitch/play or attempted play.</p> <p><b>Ineligible Pitcher, Ineligible Player or Mandatory Play:</b> When facts become known to complainant, but before the next game for either team. LL may take action even if there is no protest.</p> <p><b>Improper Substitution:</b> Protest not resolved before the next pitch or play shall not be considered.</p>  |   |                             |   |                        |  |
| Unsportsmanlike Conduct   | <b>The stealing and relaying of signs to alert the batter of pitch selection and/or location is unsportsmanlike behavior. If in the judgment of the umpire this behavior is occurring, the team manager and those responsible including any player(s) and/or coach(es) shall be warned after the first offense. Those responsible shall be ejected from the game for a team's subsequent offense.</b>   |   |                             |   |                        |  |
| Visits to Pitcher (7)   | 2 per inning out on 3rd, 3 per game, out on 4th   | 1 per inning out on 2nd, 2 per game, out on 3rd |                             | 1 per inning out on 2nd, 2 per game, out on 3rd<br>NOTE: Must make change before talking to any defensive player or it counts as a visit. |                        |  |
| Tie Game (14)   | Eighth (8th & later) Inning place a runner at second base.  |   |                             | Ninth (9th & later) Inning place a runner at second base  |                        |  |

\*This is a summary of the rules only, see the Little League rule book for the complete rule.

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