

# 2022 Little League Baseball Tournament Rule Summary

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|                                   |                                                                                                            | 8/9/10 year old                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 9/10/11 year old                                                                                                                                                  | Little League<br>(10/11/12) | Intermediate<br>(11/12/13)                                                                                            | Juniors<br>(12/13/14)                 | Seniors<br>(13-16)                                                                          |
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| Non-wood Bats                     |                                                                                                            | USABat Certification Required                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                   |                             | USABat or BBCOR                                                                                                       |                                       | BBCOR                                                                                       |
| Mandatory Play                    |                                                                                                            | 13+ players: Minimum of 1 at bat<br>12 or fewer players: Minimum of 1 at bat and 6 consecutive defensive outs.<br><b>At-bat is not complete until player is retired, scores, or the inning ends.</b><br>Substitute entering game for first time may not be removed until this is met.                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                   |                             |                                                                                                                       |                                       | Does not apply                                                                              |
| No new inning after               |                                                                                                            | Midnight                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                   |                             | 12:30 AM                                                                                                              |                                       | 1:00AM                                                                                      |
| Pitchers                          | Pitches/Day                                                                                                | 8-year-old: 50                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                   | 9- or 10-year-old: 75       | 11- or 12-year-old: 85                                                                                                |                                       | 13- to 16-year old: 95                                                                      |
|                                   | Rest                                                                                                       | 1 – 20 pitches: no rest<br>21 – 35 pitches: 1 calendar day<br>36 – 50 pitches, 2 calendar days rest.<br>51 – 65 pitches, 3 calendar days<br>66+: 4 calendar days.                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                   |                             |                                                                                                                       |                                       | 1 – 30: no rest;<br>31 – 45: 1 day;<br>46 – 60: 2 days;<br>61 – 75: 3 days;<br>76+: 4 days. |
|                                   | Multiple Games                                                                                             | May only pitch in one game per day                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                   |                             |                                                                                                                       | If < 31 pitches thrown in first game. |                                                                                             |
|                                   | Consecutive Games                                                                                          | Pitching in consecutive games is allowed, subject to rest requirements.<br>May not pitch on 3 consecutive days regardless of circumstances.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                   |                             |                                                                                                                       |                                       |                                                                                             |
|                                   | Suspended Game Resumed Next Day                                                                            | If pitched 20 or fewer pitches, may continue – pitch count starts at zero.<br>If 21-40 pitches, may continue – pitch count picks up from previous game.<br>If 41 or more pitches, not eligible. If another game intervenes, see Rule 4(h)                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                   |                             |                                                                                                                       |                                       | Same, except 30/60 pitches instead of 20/40                                                 |
|                                   | Returning to Mound                                                                                         | Pitchers once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                   |                             | A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher, but only once per game. |                                       |                                                                                             |
|                                   |                                                                                                            | Special case: See Rule 10.c Note 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                   |                             |                                                                                                                       |                                       | N/A                                                                                         |
|                                   | Catching                                                                                                   | A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play catcher for the remainder of that day.<br>A player who has played catcher in four or more innings in a game may not then pitch on that calendar day.<br>Play catcher for < 4 innings then throw 21 or more pitches cannot catch again that day. (31 pitches for 15/16 year-olds) |                                                                                                                                                                   |                             |                                                                                                                       |                                       |                                                                                             |
| Intentional Walk                  | At any time, team may request an “unpitched” intentional walk. Remaining pitches are added to pitch count. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                   | Pitches must be thrown.     |                                                                                                                       |                                       |                                                                                             |
| Player Re-entry                   |                                                                                                            | Any player who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game 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 his/her mandatory play requirements.                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                   |                             |                                                                                                                       |                                       | Starters may re-enter to their original spot <u>once</u> . Subs may not re-enter.           |
| Substitutions                     |                                                                                                            | Defensive: Must be made as team takes the field, or while team is in the field.<br>Offensive: Must be made as player comes to bat, or while player is on base.                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                   |                             |                                                                                                                       |                                       |                                                                                             |
| Defensive Conferences             |                                                                                                            | Pitcher must be removed on 3rd visit in inning or 4th visit in game.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Pitcher must be removed from mound on second visit in inning or third visit in game.                                                                              |                             | Same. Each pitcher has his/her own “count” of visits, which resumes if pitcher returns to mound later in the game.    |                                       |                                                                                             |
| Mercy Rule                        |                                                                                                            | 15 runs after 3 innings, 2 ½ if home team is ahead.<br>10 runs after 4 innings, 3 ½ if home team is ahead.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                   |                             | 15 runs after 4 innings, 3 ½ if home team is ahead<br>10 runs after 5 innings, 4 ½ if home team is ahead              |                                       |                                                                                             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Strike not caught |                                                                                                            | Batter is out                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Batter is out if first is occupied with less than two outs. If first is unoccupied or there are two outs, batter becomes runner and defense must put him/her out. |                             |                                                                                                                       |                                       |                                                                                             |
| On-Deck Batters                   |                                                                                                            | Not allowed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                   |                             | Allowed.                                                                                                              |                                       |                                                                                             |
| Illegal Bat                       |                                                                                                            | Batter is out (unless defense opts for result of play). Batter and manager both ejected.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                   |                             |                                                                                                                       |                                       |                                                                                             |
| Batter’s Box                      |                                                                                                            | Batters must keep one foot in the batter’s box except for certain specified conditions. Penalty: Warning, then strike.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                   |                             |                                                                                                                       |                                       |                                                                                             |
| Special Pinch Runner              |                                                                                                            | Once per inning, no more than twice per game, any player not currently in the batting order may run.<br>A player may only be removed for a special pinch runner once per game.                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                   |                             |                                                                                                                       |                                       |                                                                                             |
| Adults                            |                                                                                                            | 11 or fewer players: 1 manager and 1 coach. Player must coach one of the bases.<br>12 or more players: 1 manager and 2 coaches. May use 2 adult base coaches.                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                   |                             |                                                                                                                       |                                       |                                                                                             |
| Protests                          |                                                                                                            | Playing rule or improper substitution: Must be made before next pitch, play or attempted play.<br>Mandatory play: As soon as the facts become known.<br>Ineligible pitcher or player: As soon as facts become known, but before either teams’ next game.                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                   |                             |                                                                                                                       |                                       |                                                                                             |
| Unsportsmanlike Conduct           |                                                                                                            | 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, both the player and the manager shall be ejected from the game.                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                   |                             |                                                                                                                       |                                       |                                                                                             |
| Tiebreaker Rule                   |                                                                                                            | Starts in 8 <sup>th</sup> inning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                   |                             | Starts in 9 <sup>th</sup> inning                                                                                      |                                       |                                                                                             |

This chart is intended as a reference summary of the various tournament rules. It does not cover every possible circumstance, and is not a substitute for reading and fully understanding the regular season and tournament rules sections of the Official Playing Rules.