



# **Safety Plan**

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## Galveston Little League Policy Statement

Galveston Little League (GLL) is a non-profit organization run by volunteers whose mission is to provide an opportunity for our community's children to learn the game of baseball in a safe and friendly environment.

## Board of Directors

The Board of Directors will ensure that a roster of kids and volunteers are uploaded and updated in the Little League database.

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## District 14 Little League

Texas District 14 administers all leagues located in Galveston County and Bayside. If your individual league is unable to answer your questions, please contact our District Administrator, [Jessie Brantley 281-337-2489 email: Littleleagued14@gmail.com](mailto:Littleleagued14@gmail.com)



## Emergency Phone Numbers

Police/ Fire Emergency	911
Galveston County Health District	(409) 938-7221
Animal Control	(409) 737-1800
Poison Control	(800) 222-1222

## Non-Emergency Contact Numbers

Police - Non-Emergency	(409) 797-3700
Fire Dept. - Non-Emergency.	(409) 797-3862
Sheriff - Non-Emergency	(409) 766-2300
<b>Galveston Park &amp; Rec.</b>	(409) 797-3680

## Area Hospital

U.T.M.B. (409) 772-1011  
301 University Blvd.  
Galveston, TX 77550

## League Safety Officer Responsibilities

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- Galveston Little League shall have a safety manual emailed to the District 14 Safety Officer no later than January 15<sup>th</sup> and uploaded to Little League International official website ([www.littleleague.org](http://www.littleleague.org)) for review.
- Email each team a copy of the safety manual.
- Provide each team with a well-stocked first aid kit.
- Within 48 hours of receiving a report, the Safety Officer will contact the injured party or the party's parents/ guardian and
  - Verify the information received
  - Obtain any other information deemed necessary
  - Check on the status of the injured party
  - In the event that the injured party required other medical treatment (i.e. emergency room visit, doctor's visit, etc.), will advise the parent or guardian of the Little League Insurance coverage and the provisions for submitting claims. If the extent of the injuries is more than minor in nature, the safety Officer shall periodically call and check on the status of the injuries and to check if any other assistance is necessary in areas such as submission of insurance forms until such items as the incident is considered "closed".



## Coach Safety Responsibilities

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- Review safety manual
- Always have a cell phone at the fields
- Report injuries and accidents to the league safety officer in a timely manner
- Inspect first aid kit frequently
- Obtain additional items for the first aid kit when needed
- Contact the league safety officer with any question or concerns

## Code of Conduct

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The Galveston Little League Board of Directors has mandated the following Code of Conduct.

All coaches and managers will read this Code of Conduct and acknowledge that he or she understands and agrees to comply with the Code of Conduct.

### **Galveston Little League Code of Conduct**

- No alcohol allowed in any parking lot field or common area within a city or county field or complex. No playing in parking lots at any time.
- No profanity please.
- No swinging bats or throwing baseballs at any time within the walkways and common area of playing fields.
- No throwing balls against dugouts or backstops.
- Catchers must use helmets for all batting practice sessions, including throat guard.
- No throwing of rocks.
- No climbing fences.
- Extreme care must be used when holding a bat. Juniors and above must be alert of the area around them when swinging a bat.
- Players and spectators should be alert at all times for foul balls and errant throws.
- During a game, all players must remain in the dugout area in an orderly fashion at all times.
- There must be a coach in charge of the dugout and the players at all times.
- After each game and practice, each team is responsible for cleaning up the dugout and playing area.

**No** board member, manager, coach, player or spectator shall, **at any time:**

- Lay a hand upon, push, shove, strike, or threaten to strike an official.
- Be guilty of verbal or physical abuse upon any official for any real or imaginary belief of a wrong decision or judgment.



- Be guilty of an objectionable demonstration of dissent at an official's decision by throwing of gloves, helmets, hats, bats, balls, or any other forceful unsportsman-like action.
- Be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of a game against the body of an opposing player.
- Be guilty of a physical attack upon any board member, official manager, coach, player or spectator.
- Appear on the field of play, stands, or anywhere on the Little League complex while in an intoxicated state. Intoxicated will be defined as an odor or behavior issue.
- Be guilty of gambling upon any play or outcome of any game with anyone at any time.
- Smoke on premises.
- Interact with spectators in a derogatory or abusive manner.
- Speak disrespectfully to any manager, coach, official or representative of the league.
- Be guilty of tampering or manipulating any league rosters, schedules, draft positions or elections, official score books, rankings, financial records or procedures.
- Challenge an umpire's authority. The umpires shall have the authority and discretion during a game to penalize the offender according to the infraction up to and including expulsion from the game.

*The Board of Directors will review all infractions of the Code of Conduct. Depending on the seriousness or frequency, the board may assess disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the league.*

## **Safety Code**

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- Responsibility for the safety procedures should be that of an elected Safety Officer on the board.
  - A Managers or coach from each team shall have training in first aid. First aid kits are issued to each team manager and are located at Crockett Park.
  - No game or practice should be held when weather or field conditions are not good, particularly when lighting is inadequate or during inclement weather.
  - Play area should be inspected frequently for holes, stones, glass and other foreign objects.
  - All team equipment should be stored within the team dugout or behind screens and not within the area defined by the umpires as "in play".
  - Only players, managers, coaches, and umpires are permitted on the playing field or in the dugout during games and practice sessions.
  - Responsibility for keeping bats and loose equipment off the field of play should be that of a player assigned for this purpose or team's manager and coaches.
  - Procedure should be established for retrieving foul balls batted out of playing area.
  - During practice and games, all players should be alert and watching the batter on each pitch.
  - During warm-up drills, players should be spaced so that no one is endangered by wild throws or missed catches.
  - All pre-game warm-ups should be performed within the confines of the playing field and not within area that are frequented by and thus endanger spectators.



- Equipment should be inspected regularly for the condition of equipment as well as for proper fit.
- Batters must wear Little League approved protective helmets during batting practice and games. No paint or stickers may be added to helmets.
- Majors and below, head first slides are only permitted when returning to base.
- During sliding practice bases should not be strapped down or anchored.
- At no time should horse play be permitted on the playing field.
- Parents of players who wear glasses should be encouraged to provide safety glasses.
- Player must not wear watches, rings, pins, or metallic items during games or practices.
- Managers and coaches may not warm up pitchers before or during a game.
- On deck batters are not permitted in Majors and below.
- Metal cleats are allowed for juniors and above.
- Players who are ejected, ill or injured should remain under supervision until released to a parent or guardian.

## **Background Checks**

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Every adult participating in Galveston Little League is required to undergo a background check. Texas District 14 requires proof of annual background checks. GLL is required to provide a copy of the paperwork for each volunteer that is background checked to District 14. Background checks should be completed prior to March 1 of each year or prior to any practice.

Little League International requires all leagues and districts in the United States to conduct background checks that utilize JDP Background Screening, or another provider that is comparable to JDP in accessing background check records for sex offender registry data and criminal records. For those leagues that have satisfied this regulation in past seasons by utilizing JDP, there are no additional expectations, since the JDP background check currently meets that standard. The JDP National Criminal File database that contains more than 450 million records, including criminal and sex offender registry records covering 50 states and the District of Columbia, meets the current regulation requirement. Leagues are not required to use the JDP website, but may also use alternate resources. However, the alternate resources must equal or exceed the services provided by JDP.

A local league or district official is strongly encouraged to check additional criminal records that may provide more information regarding the criminal case of individuals whose crimes do not require that they be listed on a sex offender registry. For example, convictions for assault, battery, theft or drug offenses would not result in a report on the sex offender registry. Details can be found at JDP.

## **Little League Volunteer Application**

This is conducted via the JDP Quickapp.

## **Coaches Clinic**

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There will be a mandatory coach meeting and skills training. At that time, the coaches will meet their Division Reps and go over the rules of each division. The league president will also go over the Coaches Code of Conduct.

## CPR & First Aid Training

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CPR & First Aid Training will be offered for Galveston Little League Volunteers. Required for at least one coach or manager from each team.

## Field Conditions

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### Pregame Inspection Checklist

Field:

FIELD CONDITION	YES	NO	SAFETY EQUIPMENT	YES	NO	SPECTATOR AREA	YES	NO
Backstop Intact			First Aid Kit			Bleachers Need Repair		
Home Plate Intact			Medical Release Forms			Protective Screens Okay		
Bases Secure			Ice Pack/ Ice			Bleachers Clean		
Pitchers Mound Safe			Safety Manual			Bleachers Safe		
Batter Box Lined/ Level			Injury Report Forms			Parking Area Safe		
Infield Need Repairs								
Outfield Need Repairs			<b>CATCHERS EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>DUGOUTS</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Foul Lines Marked			Hockey Catchers Helmet			Fencing Needs Repairs		
Infield Need Repairs			Dangling Throat Guard			Bench Needs Repairs		
Outfield Need Repairs			Helmets			Trash Cans		





Warning Trac			Catchers Mitt			Cleanup is needed		
Coaches Box Lined			Shin Guards					
Free of Foreign Objects			Chest Protector					
Grass Surface Even								
<b>PLAYER EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>						
Batting Helmets								
Jewelry Removed								
Shoes Inspected								
Bats Inspected								
Proper Cleats								
Athletic Cup								
Full Uniform								

## Facility Survey

Updated in the LL Data Center

**Concession Stand Guidelines:** The Island Little League Concession Stand is governed by The City of Galveston. They are responsible to ensure the Concession Stand Operator is trained in the safety procedures as set forth in this manual.

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Every worker must be instructed on these guidelines before they are allowed to work. Wash your hands regularly:

- Use soap and warm water
- Rub your hands vigorously as you wash them
- Wash all surfaces including the backs of hands, wrists, between fingers and under fingernails.



- Rinse hands well
- Dry hands well with paper towels
- Turn off water with paper towel instead of using bare hands

Wash your hands in this fashion before you begin work and especially after performing any of these activities:

- After touching bare human body parts other than clean hands and clean exposed portions of arms.
- After using restroom
- After caring for or handling animals
- After coughing, sneezing, using a handkerchief or disposable tissue
- After touching soiled surfaces
- After drinking, using tobacco, or eating
- During food preparation
- When switching from raw to ready to eat foods
- After engaging in activities that contaminate hands

## Equipment Inspection

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Texas District 14 requires regular inspection of playing equipment.

- Managers and coaches shall inspect league equipment on a regular basis.
- Unsafe equipment should not be given in team equipment bags.
- Managers, Coaches, and Umpires shall inspect equipment before each use for any damage and make sure it meets Little League standards.
- Bad Equipment must be removed and destroyed to prevent children from attempting to play with it.

## Accident Reporting Procedures

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**What To Report:** An incident that causes a player, manager, coach or umpire to receive medical treatment or first aid must be reported to the League safety Officer.

**When To Report:** All such incidents described above must be reported to the League Safety Officer within 48 hours of the incident.

## How to Make A Report:

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Reporting incidents can come in a variety of forms.

Most typically they are telephone conversations; At a minimum the following information is needed:

- Name and address of the injured person
- Date, time, and location of the incident



- As detailed of a description of the incident as possible
- The preliminary estimation of the extent of the injury
- The name and phone number of the person making the report • Names and phone numbers of any witnesses

## **Communicable Disease Procedures**

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- Bleeding must be stopped, the open wound covered, and the uniform changed if there is blood on it before the athlete may continue.
- Routinely use gloves to prevent mucous membrane exposure when contact with blood or other body fluids is anticipated (Provided in first aid kit);
- Immediately wash hands and other skin surfaces if contaminated with blood.
- Clean all blood contaminated surfaces and equipment.
- Managers, coaches, and volunteers with open wounds should refrain from all direct contact until the condition is resolved.
- Follow accepted guidelines in the immediate control of bleeding and disposal when handling bloody dressings, mouth guards and other articles containing body fluids.

## **If Medical Attention is Needed**

- Utilize communicable disease procedures.
- Utilize emergency safety procedures.
- Notify parents/guardians.
- Always have medical release forms with you.
- Complete accident notification form.
- Fill out and have parent/guardian sign the form. Notify the Safety Officer within 48 hours.
- Do it while the accident is fresh on your mind.



## Activities/Reporting

## A Safety Awareness Program's Incident/Injury Tracking Report

League Name: \_\_\_\_\_ League ID: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Incident Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Field Name/Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Incident Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Injured Person's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent's Name (If Player): \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents' Address (If Different): \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

### Incident occurred while participating in:

A.) ☐ Baseball ☐ Softball ☐ Challenger ☐ TAD  
 B.) ☐ Challenger ☐ T-Ball ☐ Minor ☐ Major ☐ Intermediate (50/70)  
       ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Big League  
 C.) ☐ Tryout ☐ Practice ☐ Game ☐ Tournament ☐ Special Event  
       ☐ Travel to ☐ Travel from ☐ Other (Describe): \_\_\_\_\_

### Position/Role of person(s) involved in incident:

D.) ☐ Batter ☐ Baserunner ☐ Pitcher ☐ Catcher ☐ First Base ☐ Second  
       ☐ Third ☐ Short Stop ☐ Left Field ☐ Center Field ☐ Right Field ☐ Dugout  
       ☐ Umpire ☐ Coach/Manager ☐ Spectator ☐ Volunteer ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of injury: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Was first aid required? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what: \_\_\_\_\_

Was professional medical treatment required? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If yes, the player must present a non-restrictive medical release prior to to being allowed in a game or practice.)

### Type of incident and location:

A.) On Primary Playing Field B.) Adjacent to Playing Field D.) Off Ball Field  
       ☐ Base Path: ☐ Running or ☐ Sliding ☐ Seating Area ☐ Travel:  
       ☐ Hit by Ball: ☐ Pitched or ☐ Thrown or ☐ Batted ☐ Parking Area ☐ Car or ☐ Bike or  
       ☐ Collision with: ☐ Player or ☐ Structure C.) Concession Area ☐ Walking  
       ☐ Grounds Defect ☐ Volunteer Worker ☐ League Activity  
       ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Customer/Bystander ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a short description of incident: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Could this accident have been avoided? How: \_\_\_\_\_

This form is for local Little League use only (should not be sent to Little League International). This document should be used to evaluate potential safety hazards, unsafe practices and/or to contribute positive ideas in order to improve league safety. When an accident occurs, obtain as much information as possible. For all Accident claims or injuries that could become claims to any eligible participant under the Accident Insurance policy, please complete the Accident Notification Claim form available at [http://www.littleleague.org/Assets/forms\\_pubs/asap/AccidentClaimForm.pdf](http://www.littleleague.org/Assets/forms_pubs/asap/AccidentClaimForm.pdf) and send to Little League International. For all other claims to non-eligible participants under the Accident policy or claims that may result in litigation, please fill out the General Liability Claim form available here: [http://www.littleleague.org/Assets/forms\\_pubs/asap/GLClaimForm.pdf](http://www.littleleague.org/Assets/forms_pubs/asap/GLClaimForm.pdf).

Prepared By/Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## First Aid Kits

Galveston Little League will provide each team with a league issued first aid kit. First Aid Kits will be distributed to each team during their equipment issue date or at their Coaches clinic. If you are unable to send someone from your team to pick up your teams first aid kit at this time please contact our Safety Officer. First Aid Kits are also available at Crockett Park.



## Catcher Safety Rules

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- Catcher must wear a catcher's mitt
- Catchers shall wear at least helmet, face mask, chest protector and throat guard to warm up pitchers in bullpen for pitcher warm up.
- Catchers shall have dangling throat guards, even if they have a "hockey style" helmet.
- Skull caps are NOT permitted
- Coaches shall not warm up a pitcher
- Male catchers must wear the metal, fiber or plastic type protective cup.
- Majors and below catchers must have the extended tail on the chest protector.

## Storage Areas

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The following applies to the storage areas used by the League and applies to anyone who has been issued a key to use those areas.

- All individuals are responsible for the orderly and safe storage of equipment.
- Before you use any equipment, please locate and read the written operating procedures for that equipment.
- All chemicals or organic materials shall be properly marked and labeled as to its contents.
- Any witnessed "loose" chemicals or organic materials within should be cleaned up and disposed of as soon as possible to prevent accidental poisoning.

## Lightning

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- If lightning is within a 15 mile radius, baseball activity is not permitted.

Weatherbug SPARK will be used to determine lightning radius. A manager or coach who feels threatened should contact the head umpire and recommend stopping play and clearing the field. In our league the umpire makes the decision as to whether or not play is stopped. Once play is stopped, take the kids to safety until play resumes or the game is called. Only an umpire can call a game.

**Where To Go:** No place is absolutely safe from a lightning threat but some places are safer than others. Constructed buildings are usually the safest. The majority of people will find shelter in a fully enclosed vehicle with the windows rolled up.

**Where Not To Go:** Avoid high places and open fields, isolated trees, unprotected gazebos, rain or picnic shelters, dugouts, flagpoles, light poles, bleachers, fences and water.



## First Aid for a Lightning Victim

- Call 911 immediately.
- Typically the lightning victim has similar symptoms as that of someone having a heart attack, consider if moving will cause anymore injury.
- If the victim is in a high-risk area, determine if movement is necessary.
- Lightning does strike twice in the same place.
- If you are not at risk, and moving is a viable option, you should move the victim.
- If the victim is not breathing, start mouth to mouth resuscitation.
- If it is decided to move the victim, give a few quick breaths prior to moving the victim.
- Determine if the victim has a pulse. If no pulse is detected, start cardiac compressions as well.

## Hydration

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- Managers should bring water to each practice and game.
  - Players are encouraged to bring bottled water and/or sports drinks to each practice and game.

### Tips to Prevent **Heat Exhaustion**:

- Know that once you are thirsty you are already dehydrated.
- Drink before you become thirsty.
- Water has many critical functions in the body that are important for performance such as carrying oxygen and nutrients to exercising muscles. Do not drink beverages with caffeine before practice or games. Caffeine can increase the rate of dehydration.
- Do not exercise vigorously during the hottest time of the day.
- Practice in the morning and during the latter part of the evening.
- Wear light color loose fitting clothes.
- Use sunscreen to prevent sunburn.
- If you begin to feel faint or dizzy, stop your activity and cool off by sitting in the shade, air conditioned car, or use a wet rag to cool you off.

### **Heat Stroke**

Emergency medical treatment is required. If you think someone has experienced a heat stroke, call 911 or a doctor immediately. In the meantime give first aid as follows:

- Move the person to a shady area.
- Cover the person with a wet sheet and keep the sheet wet for cooling from evaporation.
- Fan the person with paper or an electric fan.
- Sponge down the body, especially the head, with cool water.
- Continue giving first aid until the body feels cool to the touch.
- If the person is conscious, let them sip water, fruit juice, or a soft drink.



## Rule Reminders

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- All volunteers must have a volunteer application filled out and on file with the Little League. Our league will provide annual background checks.
- A pitcher shall not wear any items on his/her hands, wrists or arms which may be a distraction to the batter. White long sleeve shirts are not permitted
- Pitcher shall not wear sweat bands on his/her wrists
- Players must not wear jewelry
- All batters must wear protective batting helmets.
- No painting or stickers on helmets
- All male players must wear athletic supporters.
- Each team is allowed three coaches in the dugout.
- Managers or coaches may not warm up a pitcher at home plate or in the bullpen or elsewhere at any time
- Coaches are encouraged to discourage horseplay. • No on deck batters are allowed in majors and below • Familiarize yourself with the safety materials.

Prior to Each Game • Complete a field safety checklist. Report any problems to a board member.

- Check the team equipment for any problems. Report any equipment problems to the equipment manager.
- Check the contents in your team's first aid kit. Contact the League Safety Officer for any items that need to be replaced.

## Bat Rules

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Little League  
International Rulebook

### Bat Information:

Little League International has assembled an online resource page dedicated to baseball bat information, that includes the latest bat information, current Little League Baseball rules and regulations governing bats, and a series of frequently asked questions.

As of January 1, 2018, the new USA Baseball Bat Standard was implemented. USA Bat Standard bats must be used in the Little League Major Baseball Division and below. Either USA Bat Standard bats or BBCOR bats must be used at the Intermediate (50/70) Baseball and Junior League Baseball Divisions. At the Senior League Baseball Division, all bats must meet the BBCOR standard. Little League-approved baseball bats that were approved for use for the 2017 season *will no longer be acceptable for use in any Little League game or activity* as of January 1, 2018. For more information on the USA Bat standard and a complete list of bats approved through the USA Bat Standard, visit [usabat.com](http://usabat.com).



Important Note: These changes only affect baseball divisions and don't affect any divisions of softball.

## Bat Rules

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### Rule 1.10 – Baseball

The bat must be a baseball bat which meets the USA Baseball Bat standard (USA Bat) as adopted by Little League. It shall be a smooth, rounded stick, and made of wood or of material and color tested and proved acceptable to the USA Baseball Bat standard (USA Bat).

Beginning with the 2018 season, non-wood and laminated bats used in the Little League (Majors) and below, Intermediate (50-70) Division, Junior League divisions, and Challenger division shall bear the USA Baseball logo signifying that the bat meets the USA Bat – USA Baseball's Youth Bat Performance Standard. All BPF – 1.15 bats will be prohibited beginning with the 2018 season. Additionally, starting in 2018, the bat diameter shall not exceed  $2\frac{5}{8}$  inches for these divisions of play. Bats meeting the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) standard may also be used in the Intermediate (50-70) Division and Junior League divisions. Additional information is available at [LittleLeague.org/batinfo](http://LittleLeague.org/batinfo).

**Tee Ball:** Under the USA Bat standard, certified Tee Ball bats (26" and shorter) will feature the USA Baseball mark and text which reads ONLY FOR USE WITH APPROVED TEE BALLS. All Tee Ball bats must feature the USA Baseball mark and accompanying text. Tee Ball bats that were produced and/or purchased prior to the implementation of the new standard can be certified using an Approved Tee Ball Sticker via the USA Baseball Tee Ball Sticker Program ([USABaseballShop.com](http://USABaseballShop.com)) beginning September 1, 2017. NOTE: Approved Tee Ball bats may also be used for Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch Minor Divisions only with the use of approved Tee Balls. **Minor/Major Divisions:**

It shall not be more than 33 inches in length; nor more than  $2\frac{5}{8}$  inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths ( $15/16$ ) inches in diameter ( $7/8$  inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed sixteen (16) inches from the small end.

NOTE 1: Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.

NOTE 2: Approved Tee Ball bats may also be used for Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch Minor Divisions only with the use of approved Tee Balls.

### Intermediate (50-70) Division and Junior League:

It shall not be more than 34" inches in length; nor more than  $2\frac{5}{8}$  inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths ( $15/16$ ) inches in diameter ( $7/8$  inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed eighteen (18) inches from the small end.

NOTE 1: Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.

NOTE 2: Also, permitted for the Intermediate (50-70) Division and Junior League Division are bats meeting the BBCOR performance standard, and so labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color. Aluminum/alloy and composite bats shall be marked as to their material makeup being aluminum/alloy or composite. This marking shall be





silkscreen or other permanent certification mark, a minimum of one-half-inch on each side, and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color.

**Senior League:** It shall not be more than 36 inches in length, nor more than  $2\frac{5}{8}$  inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths ( $\frac{15}{16}$ ) inches in diameter ( $\frac{7}{8}$  inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed eighteen (18) inches from the small end. The bat shall not weigh, numerically, more than three ounces less than the length of the bat (e.g., a 33-inch-long bat cannot weigh less than 30 ounces). All bats not made of a single piece of wood shall meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be so labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color. Aluminum/alloy and composite bats shall be marked as to their material makeup being aluminum/alloy or composite. This marking shall be silkscreen or other permanent certification mark, a minimum of one-half-inch on each side, and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color.

**Little League Challenger Division:**

It shall not be more than 33 inches in length; nor more than  $2\frac{5}{8}$  inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths ( $\frac{15}{16}$ ) inches in diameter ( $\frac{7}{8}$  inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed sixteen (16) inches from the small end. NOTE: Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.

## Pitching Rules

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Little League International Rulebook

The eligibility of a player to pitch in a Little League baseball game is governed by a tiered pitch count that is tied to the number of pitches thrown in a game. The pitch count determines how many days of rest are required before said player may pitch again in a Little League game.

Below you will find a breakdown of the regular season pitching rules for Baseball and Softball.

### Regular Season Pitching Rules – Baseball

#### VI – PITCHERS

1. Any player on a regular season team may pitch. (NOTE: There is no limit to the number of pitchers a team may use in a game.) Exception: Any player who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.



2. A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return as a pitcher. Intermediate (5070), Junior, and Senior League Divisions only: A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once per game. A player who played the position of catcher for three (3) innings or less, moves to the pitcher position, and delivers 21 pitches or more (15- and 16-year-olds: 31 pitches or more) in the same day, may not return to the catcher position on that calendar day. **EXCEPTION:** If the pitcher reaches the 20-pitch limit (15- and 16-year-olds: 30-pitch limit) while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch, and maintain their eligibility to return to the catcher position, until any one of the following conditions occur: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; or (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game.
3. The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position:

**League Age:**

7-8	50 pitches per day
9-10	75 pitches per day
11-12	85 pitches per day
13-16	95 pitches per day

**EXCEPTION:** If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed in Regulation VI(c) for his/her league age 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 put out;
3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game;
4. The pitcher is removed from the mound prior to the batter completing his/her at bat.

**NOTE:** If a pitcher reaches 40 pitches while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch, and maintain their eligibility to play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day, 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 or the game; or (4) the pitcher is removed from the mound prior to the batter completing his/her at-bat. The pitcher would be allowed to play the catcher position provided that pitcher is moved, removed, or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter. If a player delivers 41 or more pitches, and is not covered under the threshold exception, the player may not play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.

Pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:

If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 51-65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.



If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed. If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.

NOTE 1: Under no circumstance shall a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days.

NOTE 2: A pitcher's pitch count for the purposes of day(s) rest threshold is determined by the first pitch thrown to a batter. The pitcher may not start a new batter once the limit imposed in Regulation VI(c) has been met. Pitchers league age 15-16 must adhere to the following rest requirements:

If a player pitches 76 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 61-75 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 46-60 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 31-45 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed. If a player pitches 1-30 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.

NOTE 1: Under no circumstance shall a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days.

NOTE 2: A pitcher's pitch count for the purposes of day(s) rest threshold is determined by the first pitch thrown to a batter. The pitcher may not start a new batter once the limit imposed in Regulation VI(c) has been met.

Each league must designate the scorekeeper or another game official as the official pitch count recorder.

The pitch count recorder must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either manager or any umpire. However, the manager is responsible for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed.

The official pitch count recorder should inform the umpire-in-chief when a pitcher has delivered his/her maximum limit of pitches for the game, as noted in Regulation VI (c). The umpire-in-chief will inform the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed in accordance with Regulation VI (c). However, the failure by the pitch count recorder to notify the umpire-in-chief, and/or the failure of the umpire-in- chief to notify the manager, does not relieve the manager of his/her responsibility to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible.

Violation of any section of this regulation can result in protest of the game in which it occurs. Protest shall be made in accordance with Playing Rule 4.19.

A player who has attained the league age of twelve (12) is not eligible to pitch in the Minor League.  
(See Regulation V – Selection of Players)

A player may not pitch in more than one game in a day.

**NOTES:**

1. The withdrawal of an ineligible pitcher after that pitcher is announced, or after a warm-up pitch is delivered, but before that player has pitched a ball to a batter, shall not be considered a



violation. Little League officials are urged to take precautions to prevent protests. When a protest situation is imminent, the potential offender should be notified immediately.

2. Pitches delivered in games declared “Regulation Tie Games” or “Suspended Games” shall be charged against pitcher’s eligibility.
3. In suspended games resumed on another day, the pitchers of record at the time the game was halted may continue to pitch to the extent of their eligibility for that day, provided said pitcher has observed the required days of rest.

Example 1: A league age 12 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes on the following Thursday. The pitcher is not eligible to pitch in the resumption of the game because he/she has not observed the required days of rest.

Example 2: A league age 12 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes on Saturday. The pitcher is eligible to pitch up to 85 more pitches in the resumption of the game because he/she has observed the required days of rest.

Example 3: A league age 12 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes two weeks later. The pitcher is eligible to pitch up to 85 more pitches in the resumption of the game, provided he/she is eligible based on his/her pitching record during the previous four days.

(EXCEPTION: Junior and Senior League: If a pitcher reaches 30 pitches while facing a batter in the first game, the pitcher may continue to pitch, and maintain their eligibility to pitch in the second game on that day, until any one of the following conditions occurs: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; or (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game. The pitcher would be allowed to pitch in a second game provided that pitcher is moved, removed, or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter. If a player delivers 31 or more pitches in the first game, and is not covered under the threshold exception, the player may not pitch in the second game that day).

Note: The use of this regulation negates the concept of the “calendar week” with regard to pitching eligibility.

## Umpire Guidelines

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### Before the Game

- Arrive at the field 20 minutes prior to game time.
- Inspect the field for unsafe conditions.
- Walk through the dugouts and inspect the equipment for any damage and make sure it meets Little League standards. ● Check players for jewelry.



### Meet at Home Plate

- Have the plate meeting 5 minutes prior to game time
- Introduce yourself
- Get the official lineup cards
- Go over local league rules
- Three coaches per dugout
- Discuss coach, player and spectator conduct
- Get one new baseball from each team • Give the official game time

### During the Game

- Make sure catcher has proper catching equipment
- Keep game moving - one minute between innings
- Make calls loud and clear
- No on deck batters in Majors and below
- Keep a sharp eye out for safety violations
- Be in position to make the calls
- Have good communication with your partner
- Drink plenty of water between innings
- Keep a sharp eye out for any safety violations
- Be in position to make the calls

### After the game

- Report any ejections or problems to the Umpire in Chief

### Umpire Questionnaire:

Game Date:

Umpire:

Game Time:

Field:

Did Managers give you a line up?		YES	NO
	Home:		
	Visitor:		
Did the Manager give you substitution Changes? (Major Division)		YES	NO
	Home:		



	Visitor:		
<b>Did Manager give you pitching changes?</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Home:		
	Visitor:		
<b>Did either Manager have a copy of the Local Little League Rules for your review at the plate meeting?</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Home:		
	Visitor:		
<b>Did Managers follow the Rule 1.09? (60 Diamond)</b> On deck batters are not permitted on the 60 inch diamond. Only the batter of each half inning will be allowed outside the dugout.		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Home:		
	Visitor:		
<b>Did Managers follow Rule 1.17?</b> A. All male catchers must wear athletic support & cup B. All catchers must wear dangling throat protector C. On the 60' diamond the catcher must use the extended tail on the chest protector		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Home:		
	Visitor:		
<b>Did Managers Follow Rule 3.9?</b> Managers and Assistant Coaches must NOT warm up a pitcher at home plate, in the bullpen or elsewhere at anytime?		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Home:		
	Visitor:		