



## Kid Pitch 9 SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

These supplemental rules are to be used in conjunction with the Little League® Rule Book and are meant to supplement and/or clarify rules for the regular season and end of season tournament. Please refer to the Little League® Rule Book for complete rules.

### Team Formation

1. Teams shall be formed in accordance with "LOCAL LEAGUE DRAFT METHODS," Plan A – Serpentine Draft Plan per the Little League® Operating Policies in the Little League® Baseball Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Operating Policies for the current season.
2. Players must complete an ORWALL skills assessment to qualify as an eligible draft. Players who do not complete a skills assessment shall be assigned to a team as a Hat Pick.
3. Hat Picks - Any player who did not complete an ORWALL skills assessment shall be assigned indiscriminately (blindly) to teams in the established order of the draft. Hat picks will only be assigned after all available draft picks have been selected.
  - Hat pick players are ineligible for ORWALL AAA Division selection during the Draft.
  - Hat pick players may not be traded.
4. Manager's child(ren) shall be assigned to each manager's respective team in the following draft rounds, based on the league age of the player(s):
  - Little League rules state League Age 9 go in the 5<sup>th</sup> round
5. Where the Manager has more than one (1) child participating and are the same league age, the children shall be assigned in consecutive rounds beginning at the designated round for league age and descending toward the next (later) round.
6. Siblings – When requested by a parent, siblings, stepsiblings, or players residing at the same residence shall be selected in consecutive rounds.

### Player Pool

A pool of players from existing regular season teams can be created with players that are willing to participate in extra games during the regular season when teams face a shortage of rostered players for a regular season game within their respective division. (Regulation V)

NOTE: Players may not be "borrowed" from an opponent. They must be assigned by the Player Agent.

1. The Player Agent shall create and administer the pool.
2. The league's Player Agent shall use the pool to assign players within their respective division to teams that are short of players on a rotating basis.
3. Managers and/or coaches shall not have the right to randomly choose players from the pool within their respective division.
4. When a player participates in a game on a team other than his/her own team, such player will not be permitted to pitch in that game. Pool players that are called and show up at the game site must play at least six (6) defensive outs and bat once.

### Equipment & Uniform

1. Bats must be USA Bat stamped bats no more than 33 inches in length; no more than 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  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: Wood bats do not require the USA Bat stamp. (Bat Rule 1.10) (No USSSA Bats)
2. All players shall wear the ORWALL-issued numbered jersey for the current season and assigned team along with the manager-directed color and style of baseball pants, belt, and socks. Jerseys shall remain tucked-in for the entire game. Jerseys shall not be modified in any way except to accommodate for the sizing of the player, if necessary.
3. TPU and Hard Plastic (non-flexible) cleats (no metal)
4. Catchers must wear:
  - long- or short-model chest protector with neck collar
  - baseball-style shin guards
  - catcher face mask
  - catcher helmet which meets NOCSAE standards
  - catcher's mitt Rule (1.12)
  - dangling throat protector attached to face mask (must hang freely)
  - Male catcher shall wear protective cup.

#### **Field & Equipment Prep**

1. Both teams are responsible for:
  - Raking the infield
  - Marking foul lines with chalk machine
2. Visiting team is responsible for:
  - **Adult** Scoreboard operator
  - **Adult** Pitch Counter
3. Home team is responsible for:
  - Official **Adult** Scorekeeper
  - **Adult** Pitch Counter

#### **Post-Game Responsibilities**

1. Remove all equipment and trash from fields, dugouts, and stands.
2. Turn off scoreboard (if only/last game of the day)
3. Close up scoreboard building – turn off lights/ac, close windows (if only/last game of the day)
4. Inputting scores and pitch counts within 24 hours from game completion.

#### **Length of Games**

1. Games shall last 1 hour & 45 minutes or 6 innings, whichever comes first. No inning shall start after 1 hour & 45 minutes. Innings started prior to the 1 hour & 45-minute mark shall be completed. An inning officially begins at the completion of the previous inning.
2. No inning shall start after 10:00pm.

#### **Managers & Coaches**

1. All volunteers on the field/in the dugout must have a valid Volunteer Badge

2. One (1) Manager & Three (3) Coaches permitted. Coaches may not interfere with a play in progress.
3. A Manager or Coach of the offense shall be designated as the Coach Pitcher. The offensive coach pitcher shall have one foot inside the pitching circle.
4. Coach Pitcher must make every attempt to vacate the field of play immediately once the ball has been put in play. If the Coach pitcher intentionally interferes with a batted ball, the batter will be called out. If unintentional contact is made by the Coach Pitcher, the ball is dead and all runner's advance one base if forced. This will be an umpire's judgement call.
5. One adult must always remain in the dugout to supervise players.
6. Base coaches shall be situated in foul territory within the base coach's box when their team is on offense. Coaches must vacate the box to provide ample room for a fielder attempting to field a batted or thrown ball.
7. When not in the coach's box, managers and coaches shall remain within one (1) arm's length of the dugout.
8. Only the Manager may confer with the umpire.
9. Managers or coaches are permitted to warm up a pitcher at home plate or in the bullpen or elsewhere at any time.

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#### General Rules

1. Two (2) Umpires shall be provided.
2. The Infield Fly Rule **IS** in effect.
3. No Lead Offs or Balks.
4. No headfirst slides.
5. The batter is out whether or not strike three is caught by the catcher.
6. On deck batters are not permitted.
7. Uniformed players wearing a mask and protective cup may warm up pitchers.
8. Courtesy running for the pitcher and/or catcher is permitted. The courtesy runner shall be the last out made in the inning.
9. Blended kid pitch (no walks will be issued).
  - Upon reaching 4 balls, the hitting team will bring out a coach pitcher, who shall have one foot inside the pitching circle. The kid pitcher will remain in contact with the pitching plate. The batter's count will reset to a 0- 1 count and the batter will get two pitches to put the ball in play. **Batter will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> base if hit by pitch from player pitcher or catcher interferes with swing.**
  - If the batter is hit by a pitch from the coach pitcher, it will result in 1 of the coach pitcher's 2 pitches and the batter is not awarded 1st base.
  - If the second pitch is fouled off the batter can keep fouling the ball off until:
    - The ball is put in play.
    - swing and miss, or
    - the batter does not swing. If the batter fails to swing at the second coach pitch, the batter will be called out.
10. Pitching limits and days of rest shall not be broken for any reason including any rule governing double-headers and suspended games.
11. Bunting is permitted, but fake bunts/slap swings are NOT permitted for safety reasons. A batter that squares to bunt and then swings away, will be called "out" immediately. A fake bunt/slap swing will result in the removal of the manager for the remainder of the game.
12. **Protests are not permitted. (4.19)**
13. **While no protests are allowed in the fall, and regular season games cannot be overturned, we will**

enforce manager suspensions for minimum play violations and pitch count violations. Both managers are responsible for pitch counts. If you wish to file a complaint about minimum play, the minimum play tracker must be filled out.

### **Number of Players**

Teams must start with a minimum of nine (9) players [eight (8) players in the fall] and maintain a minimum of nine (9) players for the duration of the game. Dropping below nine (9) players [eight (8) players in the fall] at any time during the game shall constitute a forfeit.

### **Lineups & Minimum Play**

1. Teams shall bat a continuous batting order.
  - A batter removed from the lineup due to absence, injury, illness, disciplinary, or other just reason shall simply be skipped in the lineup without penalty (no out recorded).
  - Players that arrive late to the game may be added to the lineup at the end of the batting order.
2. Kid Pitch 9 Minimum Play (11 Players or Less)
  - Each player must play two (2) complete innings in the infield (P, 1B, 2B, 3B, SS, C) by the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning.
  - No player shall sit out in consecutive innings.
3. Kid Pitch 9 Minimum Play (12+ Players)
  - Each player must play two (2) complete innings in the infield (P, 1B, 2B, 3B, SS, C) by the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning.
  - No player shall sit out in consecutive innings.
4. Players present at the start of the current game and not starting on defense must start on defense the next game if present at the start of the game.
5. Players must start and end the inning at an infield position to satisfy minimum infield defensive play. (If this cannot be met due to time expiring or run rule, no penalty is assessed.)

### **Closed Base Division**

When a pitcher is in contact with the pitcher's plate and in possession of the ball and the catcher is in the catcher's box ready to receive delivery of the ball, base runners shall not leave their bases until the ball has been delivered and has reached the batter.

If the lead runner is not advancing, time may be called at the umpire's discretion.

### **Stealing Bases**

1. Stealing any base is permitted, including home when kid pitcher is on the mound. Baserunners can attempt to steal once the ball has crossed home plate. Base runners may advance after stealing a base to the next base at their own risk (i.e., on an errant throw). No stealing when coach pitcher is on the mound.

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### **Run Rules & Limits**

1. Each team is permitted a maximum of 5 runs per inning before three outs for the first 5 innings. If the game advances to the 6<sup>th</sup> inning, each team is permitted to score up to 10 runs.
2. The 15-run rule (after 3<sup>rd</sup> inning) and 10-run rule (after 4<sup>th</sup> inning) is in effect.

### Intentional Walks

The manager of the defense may elect to intentionally walk a batter by being granted “time” and announcing such decision to the home plate umpire prior to a pitch being delivered to the batter. At such time, the batter shall be granted first base, and four (4) pitches shall be added to the pitch count. Only once per game can you intentionally walk the same batter.

### Player Pitch Guidelines

#### Daily Limits

Any player on a regular season team may pitch. The manager must remove the pitcher from the position of pitcher when the limit of daily pitches has been reached.

#### Threshold Exceptions for Pitchers

If a pitcher reaches any limit imposed in Daily Pitching Limits, Required Days Rest, or Pitchers moving to Catcher, the pitcher may continue to pitch, without penalty, until:

1. That current batter reaches base; or
2. That current batter is retired; or
3. The third out is made to end the half inning.

#### Pitchers Moving to Catcher:

1. Any player that has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day. A pitch caught in any inning after the umpire declares “play” shall constitute as an entire inning for purposes of this rule. There is no “threshold” exception to this rule.
2. Any pitcher that delivers forty-one (41) or more pitches shall not play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.

#### Required Days Rest

Pitchers are required to observe the required days’ rest as shown below. The rest period shall begin at the stroke of midnight after the pitcher’s outing (i.e., the following day) and shall last for the number of twenty-four (24) hour periods (days), each beginning at midnight on consecutive calendar days.

League Age 14 and Under		League Age 15-16	
Number of Pitches	Required Days Rest	Number of Pitches	Required Days Rest
66+	4	76+	4
51-65	3	61-75	3
36-50	2	46-60	2
21-35	1	31-35	1
1-20	0	1-30	0

#### Notes:

1. Under no circumstance shall a pitcher pitch in three (3) consecutive days.

2. A player may not pitch in more than one (1) game on a calendar day.

#### **Removing the Pitcher from the mound**

A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return to the position of pitcher.

#### **Ejections**

1. Any manager, coach, player, or spectator ejected from a game must leave the game site immediately (this includes the parking lot) for the duration of the game. They may not sit in the stands or be recalled.
2. Any ejected manager, coach, player, or spectator may neither be present for his/her team's next physically played game, including pre- and post-game activities, nor are they allowed to be in the parking lot except for dropping off/picking up players.
  - For purposes of this rule, if the next scheduled game cannot be physically played due to the inability of either team to field nine (9) players and is scored as an official game due to forfeit, it shall be considered a physically played game.
3. A manager or coach ejected from the game may not be replaced by another volunteer in the same game in which the ejection occurred.
  - Exception: one (1) adult must always remain in the dugout. If all adults have been ejected from the field of play, the game will be stopped and reviewed by the competition committee.
4. The team may provide other eligible volunteers to fulfill managing or coaching duties at the next scheduled game when a coach or manager is serving his/her additional game suspension.



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