

LLB 2021 Tournament Playing Rules

NJ District 19
All-Star Meeting

Balls, Fields & SB Pitching Distances

- ▶ Baseballs: RS-T
- ▶ Softballs:
 - 12" – Majors & Up
 - 11" – 8-9-10
- ▶ Fields: All fields are neutral
- ▶ Softball Pitching Distances by Age:
 - 8-10: 35'
 - 9-12: 40'
 - Jr & Sr: 43'

Bats

- ▶ Softball: 1.20 BPF
- ▶ Baseball:
 - Majors & Below: USA Baseball
 - Intermediate/Junior: USA Baseball or BBCOR
 - Senior: BBCOR
- ▶ Penalty
 1. Batter Out – Can accept play +
 2. Batter & Manager Ejected
 3. Minus one adult base coach

Uncaught 3rd Strike

- ▶ 9–10–11 Tournaments & above: Applies
- ▶ 8–9–10 Tournament: Does NOT Apply
- ▶ District Only Tournaments:
 - Minors: Applies
 - 8–9: Does NOT Apply

Infield Fly Rule

- ▶ Applies to all divisions EXCEPT 8–9 District Only Tournament!

Leading

- ▶ Baseball: Rule 7.13 (Majors & below)
- ▶ Softball:
 - 9 thru Majors: on Ball Release
 - 8–10: Ball reaches batter

Special Pinch Runner (7.14)

- ▶ 2X in a game (once in an inning)
- ▶ Run for a player 1X/game
- ▶ Special Pinch Runner must not in lineup
- ▶ **Cannot be used for starter or sub if they become a batter–runner on their first at bat**
- ▶ Does not apply to 8–9 & Minors District Only Tournaments

Pitching Rules – Baseball

1. Player who caught 4 innings cannot pitch that day
2. Player who caught 3 innings then throws 21 pitches* cannot catch for rest of the day (31 pitches for 15–16's)
3. One pitch in an inning is = a whole inning
4. Pitchers removed from the mound:
 - Majors & below: Cannot return to the mound
 - Intermediate & up: Can return 1X if they remained in the game
5. Pitcher delivering 41* or more pitches cannot catch for the remainder of the day
6. Regular Season pitch counts in effect
7. Cannot pitch on 3 consecutive days
8. Pitching in > 1 game in a day:
 - Intermediate & below: not allowed
 - Junior & Seniors: Only if player throws 30* or less pitches in first game (Does not apply to Jrs at age 12)

Note: * Threshold exception applies; can finish batter

Pitching Rules – Softball

▶ Majors & below:

1. Pitchers removed from the mound:
 - Can return only 1X in an inning
 - Anytime in the game
2. One pitch in an inning is = a whole inning
3. One calendar day between regular season & tournament
4. No more than 12 innings in a day
5. Pitch ≤ 7 innings: no rest needed; > 7 then 1 day of rest
6. If curfew/darkness/weather can pitch to limit of 12 innings on next day

▶ Junior/Seniors:

1. Pitchers removed from the mound & moved to another position:
 - Can return anytime but only 1X in an inning
2. Pitcher removed offensively or defensively can return as pitcher 1X/inning if no violation of:
 - A. Substitution rules
 - B. Visits to pitcher
 - C. Mandatory play
3. There are no pitching restrictions

Visits

- ▶ Applies to pitchers who may return
- ▶ Go to Umpire before talking to or changing player = NO visit
- ▶ Otherwise a visit is charged
- ▶ 8–9–10 & all LLB Tournaments: 2 per inning / 3 per game
- ▶ District only 8–9 & Minors: 3 per inning / 4 per game

Coaches Permitted

- ▶ 12 or more players*: 1 manager & 2 coaches
- ▶ 11 or less player*: 1 manager & 1 coach

Note: * Determined at start of game

Tie Games

- ▶ Starting in 8th inning (9th Inning for Intermediate & up)
- ▶ Runner is placed on 2B
- ▶ Special Pinch Runner or eligible sub can be used
- ▶ Last batter of the inning is runner (not last batted out)

Mandatory Play

- ▶ Seniors: No Mandatory Play rules
- 1. 13 Players requires 1 at bat
- 2. < 13 players requires 1 at bat & 6 consecutive defensive outs
 - If a player is removed after 3 outs they must get 6 consecutive outs upon return
- 3. Managers must be warned:
 - Majors & below: Top of inning 4
 - Intermediate & up: Top of inning 5
 - For ≤ 12 player team:
 - Visitors: Prior to first pitch in Bottom of the 4th in a spot where mandatory play will be met. Intermediate & Jrs: Bottom of 5th.
 - Home: Top half of 5th inning. 6th for Intermediate & Jrs.
 - For ≥ 13 player team:
 - Visitors: Top 4th, 5th or first 3 batters of 6th; Intermediate & Jrs: Top 5th, 6th or first 3 batters of 7th
 - Home: 4th or first 3 batters of 5th; Intermediate & Jrs: 5th, or first 3 batters of 6th
 - Penalty: Removal of Manager for remainder of tournament

Substitutes

1. Does not apply to District Only 8–9 or Minors
2. Sub for a starter at any time*; Starter must meet MPR upon return
3. Sub may not leave game until they meet MPR*
4. Starter & Sub are married and cannot be in the line up at the same time except for injury or illness
5. Pitcher who has met MPR can be removed for substitute batter and return to the mound 1X provided no one else replaced them on the mound
6. Pitcher on a visiting team can be replaced by a substitute batter provided they return to the mound as a pitcher for the first batter in the bottom of the inning
7. Subs for Defense must be made when team is on defense
8. Subs for Offense must be made when a player is coming to bat or when entering to run
9. Seniors:
 - Designated Hitter applies
 - A starter that is subbed for may re-enter the game 1X. Subs who are replaced cannot re-enter the game.

* A player reaching base during their first at bat may not be removed for a SPR or a substitute

Run Rules (Mercy)

- 1.15 runs after losing team bats 3X (4X for Intermediate & up)
- 2.10 runs after losing team bats 4X (5X for Intermediate & up)

Misc.

- ▶ Cannot make an agreement to follow local or any other rules