



## MINORS NATIONAL/AA DIVISION RULES

2021 Rules

**REMEMBER-THEY'RE JUST KIDS AND IT'S ONLY A GAME!**

The Minor League AA will follow the rules of Little League as they appear in the current Official Rule Book with the following exceptions:

### General

1. A continuous full team rotational batting order will be used and all players must bat in turn in all games.
2. If a player misses his turn in the batting order for any reason an out will be recorded in that spot and they will not be able to re-enter the batting order. This rule does not apply if a player sustains an injury / illness during the game and an out will not be recorded. The player is allowed to reenter in their original spot in the order if and when they are ready to resume play.
3. No player shall sit more than two innings in a regulation game. This rule does not apply if a player sustains an injury or illness during the game. Players shall not sit out consecutive innings. Coaches should see that the same players aren't always sitting and should be rotating who sits out amongst their team.
4. Each player is required to play a minimum of Two (2) innings in the infield. Innings do not have to be consecutive.
5. Any player arriving before the end of the second may be added to the end of the batting order. Any player arriving after the end of the second inning shall be ineligible for play.
6. Use of tobacco and alcohol is not allowed during any NYBS game, practice or other function.
7. Visiting team is responsible for preparing the field. Home team is responsible for providing game balls and field clean up after the game. Each team is responsible for their side of the field, dugout grandstands, etc. to make sure trash cans are emptied and area is free of trash on the ground.
8. Winning coach is responsible for e-mailing the score to league commissioner to be entered into the website within 24 hours. (name and address to be provided).
9. Each coach is responsible for e-mailing the pitching to league commissioner immediately following the game (name and address to be provided).
10. All games are assigned an official start time. This is the time that the first pitch should be thrown. If a team is short handed a 15 minute grace period is allowed; however the game must start when nine players are available for both teams. If a manager knows the team will be short handed he may request a substitute player from the player agent. The player agent will choose players from a pre-defined pool of players who have been assessed to have the appropriate skill level to participate. Any players provided or recruited will bat at the bottom of the batting order and will not be allowed to pitch or catch.



11. Once the first pitch is thrown, the umpires are in charge of the game. From that point forward ALL decisions on temporary halt, suspension, cancellation and declaring end of game are with the umpires. Games are limited in length by the amount of available light or by the starting time of the next scheduled game. All games that have another game proceeding it are limited to 1 hours 45 minutes. No inning may start once inside of 15 minutes to its scheduled conclusion.
12. Four outfielders will be used. All outfielders must be positioned an equal distance from each other across the outfield. No short fielder can be used. No outfielder may be positioned directly behind second base. If number of available players dictate, 3 outfielders can be used and both teams must agree and utilize this amount.
13. There is a maximum number of two steals per inning per team. A player is not allowed to advance when the ball goes behind the catcher on any pitch. In order to steal a base the pitch must caught or blocked to the front or side of the catcher. Stealing of second and third base is allowed. Double Stealing is allowed if a team hasn't previously stolen a base in the inning. A double steal counts for both steals. There will be no advancement on an overthrow. Eg., runner steals second and the throw goes into center field will not permit the runner to advance to third base. Stealing home is not allowed.
14. A courtesy runner is required for the Catcher if on base with 2 outs. The courtesy runner must be a player not in the line up (last out if batting continuous).
15. Any player who has played the position of catcher in four or more innings is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.
16. Bunting is allowed and not limited.
17. One base advancement on an overthrow and runners advance at their peril.
18. The offensive team is limited to scoring 4 runs in an inning, except in the last inning of play when there is no scoring limit.
19. It is at the sole discretion of the umpires to call a game or identify which will be the last inning of play. This decision needs to be made at the start of a new inning only. The unlimited inning is the last inning played as called by the ump or as designated by the rules, 6 innings. The unlimited run rule only comes into play after the 4<sup>th</sup> complete inning as noted in rule 4.10e.
20. Little League slaughter rule is NOT in effect for regular season games.
21. Umpires will be present at all games.
22. Player Call Ups: If a Head Coach needs to call up a player, the head coach MUST work with the Player Agent. The Player Agent will choose players from the Call Up list based on evaluations. When a player has been called up, the next player on the list will be selected the next time. Head Coaches are NOT allowed to contact a player, or parent of a player, until they have confirmed the call up player with the Player Agent.



### Playoff Rules

1. Rest rule is waived
2. The playoffs shall observe the same Pitch Count rules as the regular season.
3. Games must be played in their entirety.
4. Slaughter rules **IS NOT** in effect for double elimination playoff tournament. Slaughter rule **IS** in effect for a single elimination playoff tournament "Where if after a game becomes regulation (3 ½ or 4) and one team is ahead by 10 or more runs."
5. Playoff games do not have a time limit.

### Pitching

1. The pitching week runs from Monday to Sunday.
2. Pitching will be in accordance with Little League Pitch Count Rules. Please refer to the chart below
3. Seven year olds may pitch from 40 feet
4. All Eight year old will pitch from 43 feet.
5. 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; or (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game. 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.
6. No balks will be called.
7. No curve balls allowed.
8. Any pitcher that hits 3 batters in a game shall be removed. A pitcher must be removed from any inning in which the pitcher hits 2 batters.
9. A pitcher may be removed from pitching at any time, but must be removed on the managers/coaches second trip to the mound in the inning.
10. There is no re-entry allowed as a pitcher once a new pitcher throws a pitch. That player however may re-enter any other fielding position at any time.
11. Only the league president can wave the pitching rules. Violation of any pitching rules will result in a forfeit, which may be invoked at any time after the violation takes place. The only requirement is that the violation must be cited and verified.



12. 9 year old players or a player who played friendship summer ball the previous summer must pitch from 46ft. All 8 year olds must pitch from 43ft using a nail down rubber at coaches discretion.

AGE	Max# of Pitches	1 Day Of Rest	2 Days Of Rest	3 Days Of Rest	4 Days Of Rest
7	50	21 -35	36-50		
8	50	21 - 35	36-50		
9	75	21 - 35	36 - 50	51-65	66 - 75
10	75	21 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 65	66 - 75
11	85	21 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 65	66 - 85
12	85	21 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 65	66 - 85
13	95	21 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 65	66 - 95