

American/ Triple A Division Rules

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REMEMBER- THEY ARE JUST KIDS AND IT IS ONLY A GAME!

The American/Triple A division will follow the rules of Little League as they appear in the current Official Rule Book with the following exceptions:

General Playing Rules:

1. NYBS requires players to attend and complete 50% of scheduled games to maintain eligibility to attend tryouts for summer baseball
2. All coaches, players, and parents will follow NYBS Code Of Conduct at all times. Any infraction will result in immediate discipline by the board.
3. A minimum of one patched umpire is required for each game. NYBS has a zero tolerance policy for anyone who is disrespectful to an umpire. Any coach, player, or parent that is ejected from a game is automatically suspended for two (2) games, barred from any contact with or attending any team activities, and **must** attend a disciplinary hearing with the executive board before they can be reinstated.
4. Every player bats in the line-up. Line-up cards will be exchanged between managers prior to the start of the game.
5. If a player misses their turn in the batting order for any reason, other than injury, sickness, or any of the exceptions noted below, an out will be recorded in that spot and they will not be allowed to re-enter the batting order (if the player has left the complex). The player is allowed to re-enter, in their original spot in the order, if they overcome their injury or sickness. If a player has to leave the game and field complex for any other reason...AAU, other sport, non sport reason (other than an emergency) an out will be recorded in that spot in the batting order.
6. No player(s) shall sit more than 3 innings per 6 inning game. Player(s) shall not sit out more than two (2) of the first four (4) innings. This rule does not apply if a player sustains an injury or illness during the game. Coaches should see that the same player(s) are not always sitting and should be rotating who sits amongst their team. Players **must** play a minimum two (2) innings in the infield.
7. Games will be six(6) innings & played on a 46/60 diamond. 46ft for all pitchers & bases at 60ft.
8. Prior to the end of the second inning, late arriving players will be placed at the end of the line-up. Once a team has batted through the batting order once, no additions will be made regardless of inning making that late player ineligible to play.
9. Use of any tobacco, vaping, or alcohol is not allowed during any NYBS game, practice, or any other function.
10. **NO** chanting or singing of cadence of any kind is allowed.

11. NYBS is a volunteer program and everyone must do their part in the upkeep the fields and complex. The "Away" team is responsible for preparing the field prior to the game. This includes but not limited to: lining the foul lines and batter's boxes, dragging the infield, hand raking the mound and bases, setting up scoreboard. The "Home" team is responsible for clean up after the game including but not limited to dragging the infield, hand raking the mound, bases, batters box, setting the bases in the proper plugs (if needed). **EACH** team is responsible for **their** side of the field (dugout, grandstands, etc.) to make sure all trash is removed and as required, trash cans emptied into dumpster located at the rear of the complex.

12. At the conclusion of the game the winning coach is required to confirm with the losing coach final scores and pitch counts and email both to the league contact within 24 hours to be entered into the standings on the NYBS website. The name of contact and email address to be provided. Failure to report both score and pitch counts will result in a forfeit.

13. 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 (9) 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 (name and email address to be provided). Please see **Player Call Up** section. No new inning may start after 1 hour and 45 minutes from the scheduled start time. The inning deemed the "last inning" should be played to completion. In the event, the umpire(s) determine a "regulation" game (see **Rule 17**) can not be completed, as dictacted in **Rule 15**. the final score will then revert back to the last complete inning unless game is stopped in the bottom of the inning with the home team ahead. **Exception:** Playoff games must be played to their entirety. Forfeited games will be recorded as a 6-0 loss in the standings.

14. Unlimited (free) field substitutions are allowed throughout the game, with the exemption of pitchers re-entering the game – see **Pitching** section

15. Once the first pitch is thrown, the umpire(s) are in charge of the game. From that point forward **ALL** decisions on temporary halt, suspensions, cancellation and declaring end of game are with the umpires. The Umpires will take into account light available, weather, and the safety of the players. It is at the sole discretion of the umpire(s) 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.

16. All non pitching protests shall be lodged verbally at the point of the infraction, during the game, to the umpire and the opposing coach. The league vice president must then be notified within 24 hours. By law procedures will be followed from that point forward. The vice president's name and email address to be provided. Judgment calls by an umpire may **not** be protested.

17. Little League "Run Rule" is in effect. "Where if after a game becomes regulation (3 ½ innings if home team ahead or 4 complete innings) and one team is ahead by 10 or more runs."

18. All players must slide or attempt to avoid the defensive player. Failure to slide or attempt to avoid will result in a player being called out.

19. A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher when on base, at any point, to speed up gameplay. This runner **must** be the last recorded out.

20. Bunting is allowed, but no slash bunting. (Square to bunt then pulling the bat back and taking a full swing). Batter will be called out--dead ball, no advancement of runners

21. Stolen Bases: There is a maximum number of four (4) steals per inning per team. A player must wait until the ball crosses the plate and/or hits the dirt before leaving the base. Leading is **NOT** allowed at this division. Double stealing **is allowed** and will be counted as two steals. Stealing of 2nd and 3rd base is allowed. Stealing home is allowed, but there is a limit of Two (2) attempts per inning and counts in maximum allowed per inning. If any runner is called out that qualifies as an attempt. The runner may advance on the overthrow to the next base and it will not be counted as an additional steal attempt. Once the pitcher is in possession of the ball on the pitcher's mound, the ball is dead and runners **MUST** go back to the base as deemed by the umpire. There will be **NO** head-first sliding into any base. If a player does head-first slide into an advancing base(s) they will be called out. **Exception:** Players may head-first slide back to a base.

22. Any player at the catcher's position in four or more innings is **not** eligible to pitch on that day. For a pitcher to maintain their eligibility to play the position of catcher the must not exceed 40 pitches that day. Please see pitch limit threshold exemptions in **Pitching** section.

23. Infield fly rule is in effect.

24. Bats- Only bats certified USA Bat will be allowed. No BBCOR or USSSA bats are allowed. The barrel may not exceed 2 -5/8" inch barrel diameter..and can be any alloy, composite or hybrid as long as they are USA Bat approved. Wood bats are allowed, as long as they meet the specifications of Official Baseball Rule 1.10.

25. The offensive team is limited to scoring 5 runs in an inning, except in the last inning of play when there is no scoring limit.

Player Call Ups:

If a Head Coach needs to call up a player, the head coach **MUST** notify, via email, the Player Agent. The Player Agent will contact eligible players from the Call Up list based on spring 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. Any players provided **MUST** bat at the bottom of the batting order and will not be allowed to pitch or catch.

Pitching:

1. The pitching week runs Monday to Sunday.
2. Pitch Count will adhere to Little League pitch count rules. Refer to chart below.
3. All pitchers at the American/ Triple A Level will pitch from 46 feet.
4. 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.
5. **No** Balks will be called
6. **NO** breaking balls allowed. A breaking ball is a pitch in which the pitcher snaps or breaks his wrist to give the ball spin and movement. This includes the curveball, slider, and slurve, but not the various kinds of fastball and change-up or knuckleball.
Penalty:
1st time is a ball.
2nd time batter awarded first base.
3rd time batter awarded first base with pitcher and head coach ejected from the game.
The third time rule will be in effect throughout the remainder of the game with the acting coach being ejected etc.
7. 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.
8. A manager or coach is allowed two (2) trips to the mound per inning. On the third trip of that inning, the pitcher must be removed from the mound. Calling a pitcher or catcher to the sideline will be considered a trip to the mound.
9. 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.
10. Intentional Walks- Defensive teams may elect to intentionally walk a batter by announcing the decision to the plate umpire. After appropriate notification is made by the defensive manager, the ball is ruled dead and no other runners may advance unless forced by the batter's award of first base. Once the award is granted, four pitches will be added to the defensive pitcher's official pitch count.
11. 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.

Playoffs

1. The rest rule is waived. This means at the start of the playoffs all pitchers counts are set to zero regardless of when they last pitched. For example if regular season ended on a Monday and the pitcher threw 51 pitches (3 days of rest per chart) and the playoffs started on Wednesday that same pitcher's count is reset to zero.
2. A pitcher can pitch the entire length of the playoffs as long as said pitcher doesn't go over the maximum pitches in a two-game span.
9-10 year olds = 75 pitches
11 year olds = 85 pitches
This means that a pitcher for example who is 10 years old can pitch 50 pitches on Tuesday but can only pitch 25 pitches on Wednesday and can come back and pitch 50 pitches again on Thursday. As long as the two games do not have him going over the 85. Once again as long as the pitcher starts a batter prior to the max pitch count he/she can finish the batter before being removed and that total recorded.
3. Playoff games must be played in their entirety and do not have a time limit.
4. "Run Rule" rule is **NOT** in effect for double elimination playoff tournament. "Run Rule" **IS** in effect for a single elimination playoff tournament.
5. Every effort will be made to provide two patched umpires for each playoff game.

NYBS Pitching Chart:

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