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	T-Ball	Machine Pitch	AA Minors	AAA Minors	Majors	Juniors	Seniors					
Little League Age (September 1 to August 31)	4, 5, 6	5*, 6, 7, 8	8, 9, 10	9, 10, 11	10, 11, 12	13-14	15-16					
Maximum Innings	4	6	6	6	6	7	7					
Cannot Start an Inning After	60 minutes	90 minutes	105 minutes	105 minutes	105 minutes	120 minutes	120 minutes					
Curfew - Lights Out in Anthem	10:00 PM											
Drop Dead Time (at completion of current AB)	75 minutes	105 minutes	120 minutes	120 minutes	120 minutes	135 minutes	135 minutes					
Run Rule	N/A	N/A	15 Runs/3 Innings 10 Runs/4 Innings 8 Runs/5 Innings	15 Runs/3 Innings 10 Runs/4 Innings 8 Runs/5 Innings	15 Runs/3 Innings 10 Runs/4 Innings 8 Runs/5 Innings	15 Runs/4 Innings 10 Runs/5 Innings 8 Runs/6 Innings	15 Runs/4 Innings 10 Runs/5 Innings 8 Runs/6 Innings					
Maximum Runs per Inning	All players bat each 1/2 inning	5 runs	5 runs, suspended 6th inning (only)	5 runs, suspended 6th inning (only)	N/A	N/A	N/A					
Maximum Number of Games per Week	3											
Allow Makeup Games	Due to weather or with written approval of board											
Play on Sundays	Only if necessary due to weather											
Lightning Safety	Any game or practice shall be suspended if a lightning strike occurs within 10 miles. All players and families shall seek shelter in a vehicle for safety. A game or practice may resume no sooner than 30 minutes from the last lightning strike.											
Timeliness												
Continuous Batting Order (ie. bat entire lineup)	Yes					Yes	NO					
Number of Players on Field Each Inning	All Players	9	9	9	9	9	9					
Number of Players Required to Start/Continue a Game	N/A	N/A	9	9	9	9	9					
Official Umpires	Coaches Umpire	Coaches Umpire	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes					
Coaches Allowed on Field During Play	Yes	No**	No	No	No	No	No					
Scores and Standing Officially Recorded	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes					
Standings Sort Order	N/A	N/A	Record, head to head record, least runs allowed, most runs scored									
Mandatory Play Rules	N/A	1 at bat and 6 defensive outs				1 at bat and 6 defensive outs***	1 at bat and 6 defensive outs***					
Pitching Distance	N/A	40 feet	46 feet	46 feet	46 feet	60 feet 6 inches	60 feet 6 inches					
Base Distance	50 or 60 feet	60 feet	60 feet	60 feet	60 feet	90 feet	90 feet					
Pitching Rules	N/A	7 pitches or 3 strikes	See below	See below	See below	See below	See below					
Walk Allowed	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes					
Base Stealing Allowed	No	No	Yes - after ball reaches the batter				Yes					
Steal Home Allowed	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes					
Dropped 3rd Strike	N/A	N/A	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes					
Bunting Allowed	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes					
***Batting - Batter must keep one foot in box throughout at bat	LL Rule 6.02 - After entering the batter's box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one foot throughout the at bat. There are eight (8) exceptions to this rule listed below. -- Penalty: The umpire will warn batter. After one warning, the umpire will call a strike.											
Bat Sizes	Tball	USA Baseball				USA Baseball, BBCOR or wood	USA Baseball, BBCOR or wood					
Leading Off Allowed	No					Yes	Yes					
Advance Bases on Overthrow	No	No	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited					
Sub Player Rules	N/A	N/A	Must bat at the end of the lineup, cannot pitch or catch, must play at least 9 consecutive outs and bat at least once- Must go thru Player Agent									
Teams												
Draft Plan	Blind Draft	Draft Plan B										
All-Stars	N/A	N/A	All Star Committee									
Spring Draft Trade Window	N/A	30 minutes following conclusion of division draft; IF approved by the Player Agent										
Time is Called/Play is Dead When	Ball with Coach		By Umpire									
Mound Visits by Manager per inning	N/A	N/A	Twice in an inning 3rd time removed	Twice in an inning 3rd time removed	Once in an inning 2nd time removed	Once in an inning 2nd time removed	Once in an inning 2nd time removed					

Pitching	Mound Visits by Manager per Game (separate innings)	N/A	N/A	3 per game 4th time removed	3 per game 4th time removed	2 per game 3rd time removed	2 per game 3rd time removed	2 per game 3rd time removed
	Maximum Number of Pitches per Game	N/A	N/A	LA 8 = 50, LA 9/10 = 75, LA 11/12 = 85, LA 13/16=95				
	Pitches Threshold Exception	N/A	N/A	A pitcher may continue to pitch when reaching a threshold while facing a batter. The pitcher will be required to observe the calendar day(s) of rest for the threshold reached during that at-bat, i.e. starting a new batter with 19th pitch and finishing that batter with 22 pitches reverts back to zero days rest				
	Intentional Walk Rule 6.08 (a) (2)	N/A	N/A	Must declare intent prior to a pitch being thrown during a granted time out; adds 4 to pitch count				
	Pitcher IS NOT Allowed to Catch if they Threw	N/A	N/A	41 or more pitches				
	Catcher IS NOT Allowed to Pitch if they Caught	N/A	N/A	4 or more innings				
	Sunglasses/ Jewelry	N/A	N/A	Glasses/ jewelry are permitted to be worn if they are not a distraction to the batter; Glasses are not allowed to be on the pitcher's hat				
	Arm Bands	N/A	N/A	Exposed undershirt sleeves must be solid color and may NOT be white or gray.				
	Pitcher Removed from Mound cannot Return as Pitcher	N/A	N/A	Cannot return		May return 1 time	May return 1 time	
	Pitch Count/Rest Requirements							
	More than 66 pitches in a game	N/A	N/A	4 Calendar Days			More than 76 = 4 days	
	51 to 65 pitches in a game	N/A	N/A	3 Calendar Days			61 to 75 = 3 days	
	36 to 50 pitches in a game	N/A	N/A	2 Calendar Days			46 to 60 = 2 days	
	21 to 35 pitches in a game	N/A	N/A	1 Calendar Day			31 to 45 = 1 day	
	1 to 20 pitches in a game	N/A	N/A	No rest required			1 to 30 = no rest	

* Must have played one year of Tee Ball (spring season),

**Except coach operating pitching machine

*** Exceptions to LL Rule 6.02 - 1.) On a swing, slap, or check swing. 2.) When forced out of the box by a pitch. 3.) When the batter attempts a "drag bunt" 4.) When the catcher does not catch the pitched ball. 5.) When a play has been attempted. 6.) When time has been called. 7.) When the pitcher leaves the dirt area of the pitching mound or takes a position more than five feet from the pitcher's plate after receiving the ball or the catcher leaves the catcher's box. 8.) On a three ball count pitch that is a strike that the batter thinks is a ball.

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