



High Desert Little League 2024 Baseball Quick Reference Guide/by-laws - Fall Season

		T-Ball	Machine Pitch	AA Minors	AAA Minors	Majors	Juniors
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
Timeliness	Maximum Innings	4	6	6	6	6	7
	Cannot Start new Inning After	60 minutes	90 minutes	105 minutes	105 minutes	105 minutes	120 minutes
	Curfew - Lights Out in Anthem	10:00 PM					
	Drop Dead Time (at completion of current AB)	60 minutes	105 minutes	120 minutes	120 minutes	120 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
	Maximum Runs per Inning	All players bat each 1/2 inning	5 runs	5 runs	5 runs	N/A	N/A
	Maximum Number of Games per Week	3					
	Allow Makeup Games	Due to weather or with 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 6-10 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.					
General	Bat Entire Lineup	Yes					Yes
	Number of Players on Field Each Inning	All Players	9	9	9	9	9
	Number of Players Required to Start/Continue a Game	N/A	N/A	8	8	8	8
	Official umpires	Coaches Umpire	Coaches Umpire	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Coaches Allowed on Field During Play	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
	Scores and Standing Officially Recorded	No	No	No	No	No	No
	Mandatory Play Rules	N/A	1 at bat and 6 defensive outs				
	Pitching Distance	N/A	40 feet	46 feet	46 feet	46 feet	54 feet
	Base Distance	50 or 60 feet	60 feet	60 feet	60 feet	60 feet	80 feet
	Pitching Rules	N/A	7 pitches or 3 strikes	See below	See below	See below	See below
	Walk Allowed	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Base Stealing Allowed	No	No	Yes - after ball reaches the batter			Yes
	Steal Home Allowed	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Max Innings at Pitcher	N/A	N/A	2 innings			LA 15 - 1 inning
	Max Innings at Catcher	N/A	N/A	2 innings	3 innings	3 innings	N/A
	Dropped 3rd Strike	N/A	N/A	No	No	Yes	Yes
	Bunting Allowed	No	No	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 on 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			USA OR BBCOR
	Leading Off Allowed	No					Yes
Advance Bases on Overthrow	No	1 Base Only	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	
Sliding (NO MANDATORY SLIDE RULE***)	No sliding allowed	No head first slide / dive back okay	No head first slide / dive back okay	No head first slide / dive back okay	No head first slide / dive back okay	Head first slide allowed	
Sub Player Rules	N/A	N/A	Must bat and the end of the lineup and cannot pitch or catch, 9 consecutive outs				
ns	Draft Plan	Blind Draft					

Tear							
Pitching	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
	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
	Maximum Number of Pitches per Game	N/A	N/A	LA 7/8 = 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	N/A			4 or more innings
	Pitcher Removed from Mound cannot Return as Pitcher	N/A	N/A	Cannot return			May return 1 time
	Pitch Count/Rest Requirements						
	More than 66 pitches in a game	N/A	N/A	4 Calendar Days			
	51 to 65 pitches in a game	N/A	N/A	3 Calendar Days			
	36 to 50 pitches in a game	N/A	N/A	2 Calendar Days			
	21 to 35 ptiches in a game	N/A	N/A	1 Calendar Day			
	1 to 20 pitches in a game	N/A	N/A	No rest required			
* Must have played one year of Tee Ball (spring season)							
** 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.							
*** Any runner is out when not making a physical attempt (to slide) in order to avoid a collision while a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag.							

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