



RULES – ALL DIVISIONS - 2026

Safety

- All players stay in their dugout, behind a fence when not in the game.
- On-deck batter **MAY NOT SWING A BAT**. On the player batting in the batter's box is allowed to swing.
- Catchers must wear protective cups and there can be no player base coaches.
- Jewelry of any type is not permitted (except for medical alert bracelets).
- Lightning or thunder – immediate weather delay.
- See Safety on MTLL web site for additional safety information

Game Rules (excluding Minor C & T-Ball)

- Game length: 6 innings, darkness, or weather (extra innings ok if the score is tied). **For regular season games: no new inning may begin after 1 hour and 45 minutes.**
- Each team must have at least 8 players or the game is a forfeit.
- If the game is called before completion of an inning, the score reverts to the last completed inning. Note: Any pitches thrown in a suspended game are charged against pitcher's eligibility. If the game is resumed on another day, the pitcher of record may pitch if the pitcher has observed the required days of rest, see specific division rules for count.

Coaches

- Minimum 1 adult coach must be in the dugout at all times. **MAXIMUM** of 4 Coaches (1 manager/ 3 coaches) two adult coaches should be used as base coaches
- Second coach visit to the same pitcher in the same inning or third visit in the same game requires the pitcher to be changed.

Call-Ups (exclude Minor C & T-Ball)

- Only when a team has less than 10 players should a call-up player be contacted so that no more than 1 player will sit on the bench.
- A list of 10-12 potential call-up players will be provided by your Division Director. ○ The Manager will contact a player (or players) from the call-up list to play in that specific game.
- A call-up player can only be used by the same team once per season. The player can get called up to play for other teams in the Division.
- The same substitution rules apply to a call-up players, however, no call-up player will have more playing time than any player on the roster.

- The called-up player will hit last in the lineup and can only play outfield defensively.
- When a player is called up, the Manager must notify the Division Director.
- **Playoffs – Use “MTHL Additional Playoff Rules” regarding substitution during playoffs.**

Field Preparation and Maintenance (Recruit parents to help with Field Responsibilities!)

Home Team Responsibilities – Field Set Up

- Lightly spray the infield with water from the field.
- Chalk base lines, install bases, turn on scoreboard (and recruit operator).
- Open restroom doors.
- Take Tarps off mound & home plate areas and store on or near fence in the outfield.
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Visiting Team Responsibilities – Field Closing

- Put away bases, Chalk, scoreboard controller, tools, etc.
- Fill in holes at home plate, pitcher’s mound, and around bases, rake infield.
- Lightly spray the infield with water from the field hoses.
- Lock job boxes, sheds, storage rooms, and restrooms.
- Remove trash from dugouts, fields, bleachers and empty trash cans into a dumpster.
- Place Tarps on home plate and mound areas.

Red – indicates change from 2019