



MINOR A DIVISION RULES – 2026

- 2025 Official LL Regulations and Playing Rules will be followed, exceptions noted below.
- Assistant Coaches are not permitted to be selected prior to the draft.
- Discuss any exception rules with the umpires before each game.

Player Substitution – Rotate players evenly, each player sits one inning before any player sits a second inning.

- **Playoffs** – Use “MTLL Additional Playoff Rules” regarding substitution

Batting -Every player is in the lineup and bats.

Pitching – 75 Max pitches in a game (55 max until May 1, 65 max until June 1)

- 66–75 pitches = 4 days rest
- 51–65 pitches = 3 days rest
- 36–50 pitches = 2 days rest
- 21-35 pitches = 1 day rest
- 1-20 pitches = can pitch on consecutive days
- If the max pitches are reached, the pitcher can finish pitching to that batter.
- **If a pitcher hits 3 batters in an inning or 3 in a game, the pitcher must be removed.**
- No intentional walks.
- A removed pitcher cannot pitch again in the same game.
- If a pitcher reaches a day(s) of rest threshold while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: 1. That batter reaches base; 2. That batter is retired; 3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning
 - Pitch counts do NOT include warm-up tosses, practice pitches or throws to any base
 - Pitch counts DO include pitches that hit the batter, are fouled off, or hit into field of play

Stoppage of Play – Play stops when the pitcher is on the **Pitching Mound**. If runners are advancing, they can continue.

Catching – Players cannot catch after pitching 41 or more pitches in the same game (or day).

Catchers can only pitch if they caught a maximum of 3 innings. If a catcher pitches less than 41 pitches, then they can return to catcher.

Bunting - is allowed.

Stealing is allowed to any base, including home.

- Stealing 2nd is only allowed on a pitch, batter cannot advance past first when walked.
- No Delayed Steals
- Stealing home from third is ONLY permitted on passed ball by the catcher OR an overthrow from catcher back to pitcher

Run Maximum - 5 runs per inning, except for the **6th inning**, which is unlimited. No other inning regardless of when the game is going to end will be the unlimited inning. Only the 6th inning.

- Mercy Rule – 15 runs after 4 innings

Any changes to Division Rules shall be unanimously agreed to by the managers of that division and the Chief of Umpires. The executive Committee shall review in the event of a conflict of interest. Any change shall be established with a start day provided to all managers, Chief of Umpire, and President. No rule changes will be permitted after the start of the playoff season.