

2026 Major League Baseball Rules

Playing Rules

SWLL Majors League will follow the Little League Rule Book applying the **Majors** rules unless adjusted or clarified below.

- 12 Run Mercy rule after 4 innings/ 15 Run Mercy rule after 3 innings..
- No Pitcher is allowed to throw a breaking pitch, 1st Offense-Warning 2nd Offense Removal from game;
- Pinch runner must be substituted for the catcher after two outs. Pinch runner will be the last batted out-
- Mandatory Play- 11 Player Roster- 4 defensive innings by conclusion of 5th inning, 12 Player Roster- 4 defensive innings by conclusion of game- Any player not completing 4 defensive innings in a game must play 4 defensive innings in next game he participates in;
- No restriction on Pitcher/Catcher positions-.
- Rotary/Continuous batting order
- Drop third strike rule applies.
- No intentional walks are allowed.
- **Local Playing Rules Approved by Executive Board 2-2-22**
 - **APPROVED**- Maximum Number of Pitches in an inning-
 - Limit to 50 at the Major/AAA Baseball levels of Play.
 - **APPROVED**- Fake Bunt Slash Rule:
 - If a batter fake bunts and pulls their bat back, the batter is not allowed to swing at the pitched ball. If they swing, the batter will be called out and play will be immediately considered dead with no runners able to advance.
 - **APPROVED**-Doubleheaders on Pepin- Time limit on 1st game-
 - Game ends at 7:30 PM-
 - Umpire Judgement if game can be concluded in the half inning being played-
 - **APPROVED**- LLI Tournament Tie-Breaker

Bats

All bats must meet the Little League standard as of January 1, 2018. (USA Baseball Logo)