

## 2026 Rules Summary Chart

This is a quick reference guide. Refer to LL Rule Book & ANSLL local rules for more detailed and official information.

General Playing Rules							
<u>Type / Level</u>	<u>Juniors</u>	<u>Majors</u>	<u>Minors-AAA</u>	<u>Minors-AA</u>	<u>Farm</u>	<u>Coach Pitch</u>	<u>Tee Ball</u>
Min. players to play game	8	8	7	7	7	7	7
Innings per game	7	6	6	6	6	6	3
Max time per game	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Max time to start new inning	2 hours	n/a	2 hours	1 hr 45 mins	1hr 45mins	1hr 15mins	1 hour
Runs per inning	n/a	n/a	5	4	5	5	n/a
10-run mercy rule	Yes	Majors - after 3.5 or 4 innings AND 1 hr, 45 mins			No	No	No
Infield fly rule	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Dropped third strike	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Base stealing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes-not home	No	No	No
Max age to pitch	14	n/a	11	11*	n/a	n/a	n/a
Courtesy runner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Innings for regulation game	*4.5	*3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

\*If game ends early (weather, etc), & home team scores more runs in 3.5 (4.5 JRS) than visiting team scored in 4 completed half innings.

Participation Requirements						
<u>Type / Level</u>	<u>Juniors/Int/Maj</u>	<u>Minors-AAA</u>	<u>Minors-AA</u>	<u>Farm</u>	<u>Coach Pitch</u>	<u>Tee Ball</u>
Minimum Infield innings per player	n/a	1 inning out of first 3	1 inning out of first 3	1 inning out of first 2	1 inning out of first 2	1 inning out of first 2
Consecutive innings	No player may sit out two consecutive innings.	See below	See below	No player may sit out two consecutive innings.		n/a
Per game participation (Defense)	Min. half game (Juniors)/ 4 innings (Majors)	No player sits out twice until all players sat out one inning. Exception: if starting pitcher is still pitching they may remain, must sit next full defensive inning, once removed.		Cannot play same position more than two innings or pitcher more than one inning.	Cannot play pitcher more than one inning.	All play / all bat each inning.

Pitching Rules (Juniors, Intermediate, Majors, AAA, and AA)						
Age Maximums		Days Rest per Range of Pitch Count				
League Age	Max / Day	4 + 1 Game	3 + 1 Game	2	1	0
13-14	95	66+	65-51	50-36	35-21	<=20
11-12	85					
9-10	75					
6-8	50					
Other Pitching / Catching Restrictions						
**A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game, cannot play catcher for the remainder of the day.		ANSLL Local Rules: 1) AA Only - a pitcher who delivers 51 or more pitches in a game must not pitch in the next game his team plays (pitches to finish a batter do not count towards 51). 2) Max pitching age for Juniors is 14.			***A player who plays the position of catcher in four or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.	

*The Little League Rule Book and ANSLL Local Rules are the official rules. Any inconsistencies between this summary and those sources shall be resolved by the language in The Little League Rule Book and ANSLL Local Rules.*