



# Berkeley Little League

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## XXXVII. MINORS DIVISION RULES

- A. Games shall be two hours in duration. If a new inning starts before the two hour mark, a drop dead time limit of 2 hours and 15 minutes shall be enforced.
- B. Metal cleats shall not be worn.
- C. Rules for Offense
  - 1. The MINORS division shall always have a minimum of one umpire (two for playoffs) assigned to games and no game may commence without league/District 18 certified umpire.
  - 2. There shall always be a continuous lineup used.
  - 3. Upon reaching three (3) outs (by strikeout or fielded plays) the half inning is over.
  - 4. There shall be no leads from 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> base at any time.
  - 5. There shall be no headfirst slides at any base.
  - 6. There is no mandatory slide rule, there is a must avoid contact at all costs rule. If contact is deemed malicious then player can be ejected by the umpire.
  - 7. There shall be 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base coaches providing there is one coach in the dugout.



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8. Game scores shall be recorded in gamechanger to document the game.
9. There shall be a five (5) run rule per inning used. The 6<sup>th</sup> or final inning designated by the umpire shall have unlimited runs.
10. There is a 10 run rule upon the trailing team's batters being retired in the 4th inning.
11. Stealing is permitted once the pitched baseball passes home plate. There will be no advancement on an overthrow from the catcher to either second or third.
12. No stealing home with or without a delayed steal or on a passed ball. A runner may only advance home on a walk or a batted ball.
13. Runners may not advance once the pitcher has control of baseball and is on the mound (within the circle of the mound).
14. There is no in field fly rule or drop 3<sup>rd</sup> strike.
15. There shall be no throwing bats during an at bat. One warning shall be given by the umpire. Subsequent violations shall result in a dead ball, the batter being called out, and all base runners returning to their original base.



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16. Umpires' calls shall be final and there is a zero-tolerance policy for arguing with an umpire, particularly balls and strikes. This includes constant chirping, from the dugout, or asking the umpire where the pitch was. Managers are also responsible for the parents on their team.

17. There shall be no on deck circle. Players must always be confined to dugout enclosure. At no time are they allowed to swing, while on deck, either within the field of play or outside the field of play. If a player violates this rule, the manager and coaches will get one warning. If it happens again, then the manager will be suspended for one game. This rule is in place to protect our players.

18. Players are prohibited from using hit sticks outside the field of play.



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## D. Rules for Defense

1. There shall be a maximum nine (9) players on defense.
2. There are no shifts (i.e. cannot have the outfielders play right behind infielders, have extra infielders, or strategically move outfielders mainly to the right or left side of the outfield.
3. Outfields shall remain at least 10 feet from the lip of where the infield meets the outfield.
4. There shall always be a catcher utilized by both teams.
5. All players shall play a minimum of 9 defensive outs (3 complete innings in the field).
6. Players may not sit more than two consecutive innings.
7. A protective cup must be worn for all male athletes and chest guards are strongly recommended for all players.
8. If a pitcher hits two batters, within an inning, that pitcher shall be removed for another pitcher.
9. If a player pitches 41 or more pitches in a game they are not eligible to play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.
10. If a player catches more than 3 innings in a game, they are not eligible to pitch that calendar day.



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11. Pitching rules, particularly maximum pitch counts and days rest, shall be followed in accordance with the Little League Rulebook. See Section XXVII, entitled "Pitching," for the pitching rubrics.
12. No 8u pitcher may exceed 40 pitches and no 9u/10u pitcher may exceed 50 pitches in any game during the month of April, unless otherwise permitted league-wide by the Player Agent. Normal pitch counts resume on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
13. Not knowing the pitch counts/innings pitched shall not be a defense for pitch count or pitcher/catcher violations.
14. Pitch counts are to be reported to the managers WhatsApp chat after every game.

