

Mahaska County Little League

2025 Local Rules

Boys & Girls Minor Division

MCLL Minor League Baseball and Softball will be governed by rules published by Little League Baseball and Softball International.

The following local rules will apply in addition to the LLBS published rules.

1. Games are a maximum six (6) innings, but may be limited by time. **No new inning will start after 1 hr. and 30 min., as determined by umpire. There will be a hard stop at 1 hr. 45 min, score will go back to the score at the last completed inning.** If a game is tied when the time limit is reached (no new inning after 1hr. 30 min.) or six (6) innings is complete during the regular season, the game will end in a tie.
2. All players on the roster will bat and Free substitutions. (**Baseball:** A player once removed as a pitcher may not pitch again in the same game - **(Reg. VI (d)).** **Softball:** A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game but only once in the same inning as she was removed - **(Reg. VI (c)), subject to remaining eligibility.**
3. Players must play a minimum of **6 defensive outs** per game - **(Reg. IV (i)).**
4. Teams can play with any number of players **9 or less. (2023 Clarification)** No empty batter's position shall be considered an out. Late players must bat at the bottom of the batting order.
5. When the 5th run crosses home plate, the half-inning is over and play must stop – **2.00, INNING.**
6. Hit Batters: Pitchers must be removed after hitting three (3) batters in an inning, as long as the batters made an attempt to get out of the way of the pitches, in the judgment of the umpire.
7. All pitchers must wear either face protection (e.g. Game Face) or batting helmet (with or without face guard).
8. All batter's helmets must be fitted with a full face guard or C-flap including personal helmets. No personal stickers or painted helmets allowed - **(Rule 1.16).**
9. League age 11-year-olds **CAN** pitch in this division.
10. When a coach see's lightning during a game, the Weatherbug app will be used to determine how close the lightning is to the game being played. 10 miles=30 minute delay of game. If the game is in the 5th inning it can be called. Each new lightning strike will start the 30 minute delay over.
11. **Once a base runner has re-established contact with the base, that runner is committed to that base until a play is made. Example 1.(Catcher attempts to pick off runner at third and runner dives back to the base and the ball goes to the outfield. The runner may advance) Example 2. (Catcher attempts pick off to third and runner dives back to the base and is called safe on the tag. The pitcher then turns his back and the runner attempts to steal home. The runner shall be sent back to third base.) Clarified 2023**

12. **Rule reminder** - Players may steal home without the ball being batted into fair territory.

13. After entering the batter's box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one foot throughout the at bat with certain exceptions such as a pass ball, etc. (Rule 6.02)(c))

RULE BOOK REMINDERS:

- **Baseball Only** - All bats must have USA BASEBALL stamp or sticker. **NO ILLEGAL BATS IN DUGOUTS. COACHES CHECK BEFORE EVERY GAME. UMPIRES WILL CHECK BEFORE PLAY.**

- **Baseball Only** - A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day - **(Reg. VI (c))**. All other pitch count (boys) and innings pitched (girls) guidelines can be found under **(Reg. VI)**.

- **Baseball Only** - A player who has played the position of catcher for four (4) or more innings in a game cannot pitch for the remainder of that day - **(Reg. VI (a))**.

- **Baseball Only** – Intentional walk (Rule 6.08(a)(2)) is allowed. Prior to pitch being thrown manager must request and granted 'time' by the umpire and then inform the umpire of the defense's intent to walk the batter. Four (4) pitches will be added to the pitcher's pitch count. **A player may only be intentionally walked with no pitches being thrown once per game. (New 2023)**

- **Managers or Coaches, ARE allowed to catch a pitcher before or during a game or practice. (New 2023)**

- Trips to the mound

- 2nd trip to the mound in 1 inning the pitcher must be pulled.

- 3rd trip to the mound to the same pitcher in the same game they must be pulled

- **Baseball Only** - No pitcher can pitch 3 consecutive days.

- Visiting team has option to provide first base umpire unless paid base umpire is provided.

Pitching Distance	Boys – 46'	Girls – 35'	Base Path Distance	Boys – 60'	Girls – 60'
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Reminder for 2025

(Baseball Remember to have opposing coach and umpire sign your pitch log before leaving. Coaches must be able to present pitch log at any time prior or during games)