



LLL Minor Baseball Rules

(9 & 10-year-old Boys Player-Pitch)

The objective of this division is further teaching the fundamentals of the game and giving the players the opportunity to have fun and learn. Minor Baseball is considered a competitive, or non-instructional, division. This division will follow the rules pertaining to “Minor League Baseball” in the Little League Baseball Rulebook with the following additions.

Maximum of (3) three team events per week. I.E. (1) one practice (2) two games or (2) practices (1) one game. Practices are limited to **120 minutes** per session outside of LLL and **90 Minutes** at the ballpark.

Game time shall be **6 innings** or **105 minutes**. No inning shall begin with less than 10 minutes of time remaining. Games will be allowed to finish the inning once time has expired, unless the home team holds the lead and game is in the bottom of the inning or the trailing team is mathematically eliminated. A “tie” is permitted.

Teams will consist of 10-13 players. 12 players being the target. Teams will consist of primarily Boys. Note: Girls may elect to play in this division.

Home Team – Is responsible for prepping (raking/dragging/wetting) and chalking the field before the game and is responsible for keeping the official scorebook. Scorebooks and baseballs will be provided by the league. The official book can be picked up and returned to the red cabinet at the concession stand.

Visiting Team – Is responsible for running the scoreboard, raking/dragging the field after the game and making sure all trash is disposed of in the proper receptacle. Both managers should remind their side to dispose of all trash properly. Scoreboard controls should be located in the press box for each field or can be picked up and returned to the red cabinet concession stand. The Board member on duty can assist in setting up the scoreboard and explaining the controls.

Umpires ONLY will pick up and return game balls.

At the end of each game each manager will meet and sign the book verifying they agree on the score/outcome of the game. Managers must also write in the scorebook any pitcher that has thrown a pitch in the game. They must be listed by name and how many pitches were thrown. If there is a discrepancy regarding the game or score, do not leave the park without speaking to the Board Member on Duty. If you leave the park without speaking to someone your complaint or protest is null and void. Also, Do Not leave the park without turning in the scorebook.

This Division will have **(2) Two Volunteer Umpires** to officiate the game, when available. If two umpires are not available for the game, it should be called from behind the mound by a single umpire. The Umpires decisions will be respected, and Coaches must follow the appropriate procedure in the Little League Rulebook to appeal a play.

It is the Managers responsibility to conduct themselves as an adult, support the “Volunteer Umpire” and maintain “crowd control”. There will be **Zero Tolerance** for inappropriate behavior from the Manager, Coaching Staff, Players, Umpires, and Spectators.

Pitch Counts – will be strictly enforced. Each team must monitor their team pitcher’s and document their pitch counts in the scorebook. Player safety is a major concern with youth pitchers.

- Catcher-Pitcher - If a pitcher exceeds 40 pitches while facing a batter, the pitcher is not eligible to play the position of catcher unless they are removed prior to that batter being retired.
- Daily pitch limit is **75** pitches for 11-12u. If a pitcher reaches the limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until that batter is retired or the inning is completed.
- Rest requirements:

BASEBALL PITCHERS LEAGUE AGE 14 AND UNDER

◆ **1-20 Pitches = 0 Days Rest**

◆ **21-35 Pitches = 1 Day Rest**

◆ **36-50 Pitches = 2 Days Rest**

◆ **51-65 Pitches = 3 Days Rest**

◆ **66+ Pitches = 4 Days Rest**

Minor Baseball will use appropriate baseballs as recommended for this age division. All bats must meet the USA bat standard. NO other bats are allowed.

Cancellations - In the event of bad weather in which a game is cancelled or rescheduled the LLL Board of Directors will make that decision by 4PM. Managers **CAN NOT** cancel a game without Board approval. If a manager cancels a game without Board approval it will result in a forfeit. Game cancellations or reschedules due to weather will be posted on the LLL Facebook and sent to the Manager via GroupMe.

Substitutions – Rosters with more than (9) nine players will require defensive substitutions. All players must meet the Little League minimum playing time of (6) consecutive outs and (1) one at-bat. It is highly recommended by LLL that substitute players be rotated throughout the season.

Pool Players – In the event a team is not able to field 9 players (8 or less), that team should reach out to the LLL Coaching Coordinator to inform which player/s are missing and request a replacement pool player.

Forfeit for Roster Size - If no pool player is obtained, a game can be played with 8 players and an out taken for the 9th player in the batting order. Less than 8 players will result in that team forfeiting the game.

Batting Format – Teams will roster bat All players. A (5) five run limit per inning will be in effect, unless a home run is hit (in which case all scored runs will count). The half inning will be over once the defense has recorded (3) three “Outs” or the offense has scored 5+ runs. All games must be completed as normal if time allows or until mercy rules are met even if you are down more runs than you can come back from due to the run limit per inning. Managers are not required to shuffle the batting order each game, but LLL recommends that all players have an opportunity to bat at the top, middle, and bottom of the lineup.

The **Catcher** must wear appropriate catcher’s gear to play the position including a dangling throat protector no matter the helmet design and a protective cup per Little League. **NO** player shall be allowed to play catcher without the appropriate gear. The catcher must also use a catcher’s mitt, no other glove is permitted. The Catcher must be substituted for a special pinch runner with (2) two outs. The pinch runner must be the player with the last recorded ‘Out’ of the inning. **NO** other pinch runners are allowed unless due to a player injury.

For **Safety** reasons, all players must wear appropriate baseball attire to play. **NO** shorts or opened toed shoes allowed. **Jewelry** will only be allowed at the discretion of the umpire. **NO** hard casts, braces, or uncovered wounds.

Reminder – Any adult aiding or interacting with players on the playing field or at practice must have completed a background check and LL Abuse Awareness training with **NO Exceptions!!!**

The Manager is responsible for communicating a list of all volunteer coaches to the LLL Coaching Coordinator with Full Legal Names and a Valid Email Address for each volunteer. Please designate (1) one person in charge if the manager is not reachable.

Contact Numbers:

League President – Josh Matthews – (409) 289-1457

Director of Baseball/Coaching Coordinator – Chance Hobbs – (409) 673-6372

Safety Officer – Scott Haggard – (409) 313-1706

Immediately report ALL incidents and injuries to the League President.