

# Minor League Rules

**The Little League Rule Book will govern play, with the following exceptions. These by-laws will always take precedence over the Little League Rule Book.**

Adopted roster policy that rosters will be turned in for all teams in all leagues to the chairman of the board at the halfway point of the season and cannot be changed unless players are needed for tournament. Younger players must be brought up from the same town and be registered and competed in lower league for the season. Players can only be brought up to total the team to 12 players in all leagues.

1. **(Rule 4.10)** A regulation game consists of 6 complete innings. There is a 2 hour time limit which only comes into effect after the 4<sup>th</sup> inning. Starting time should be noted in home scorekeeper book.
2. **Players who turn 11 before AUGUST 31, 2018, are not eligible.**
3. Any players coaching the bases must wear a helmet.
4. Only 6 ten year old players on the field at a time unless no other option is available.
5. The third time a coach goes to the mound in a game, or the second time in an inning (per pitcher), that pitcher must be replaced.
6. **(Rule 7.13)** It is not an out when the runner leaves the base early. There is, however, a penalty for leaving early. If the ball is hit, runner leaving the base early will only be allowed to advance one base, hindering the amount to bases the hitter is entitled to. (Ex. Runner on 1<sup>st</sup>, leaves the base early, hitter hits a double. Runner is allowed to only advance to second base, thus, only allowing the hitter a single).
7. **Teams will only be allowed to score 6 runs per inning with the possibility of 9 ( example: 5 runs have scored and bases are loaded and batter hits a home run, clearing the bases), OR catchup plus 6 if a team is behind. This applies to every inning.**
8. If a pitcher hits 2 batters in any one inning or a total of 3 during the game, he must be replaced.
9. Batters and runners must wear protective headgear. Catchers must wear full gear. **A player entering the batter's box without headgear will be given a team warning. The next infraction will cause the batter to be called out.**
10. There will be no infield fly rule.
11. There will be no hidden ball trick.
12. Metal spikes will not be allowed. Rubber cleats are permissible.
13. **(Rule 4.04)** All rostered players attending the game will bat. The only exception will be for disciplinary reasons and must be clarified with the opposing team before the game begins. Any player arriving late will be placed at the bottom of the roster. ~~Any injury resulting in a player not able to fulfill his or her at bat will result in an out.~~
14. Pitchers will be allowed **2 innings per game**. Monday through Sunday. One pitch constitutes an inning. Once a pitcher has been removed from pitching he cannot return to pitch.
15. Players cannot steal home on a passed ball or an overthrow to the pitcher. A player may go home on a play made in the field.
16. **(Rule 4.15 does not apply)** A team must field 8 players at all times, to avoid a forfeit. If a player arrives after play has begun he must bat in the last position.
17. **(Rule 6.07)** If a player bats out of order, he will be called out if he reaches a base and is noticed by other team. Once a pitch is thrown the runner cannot be called out. If a batter is out of order and is noticed while in batter's box, correct batter takes his place and his count.
18. Pitching distance is 42 feet from front of pitchers rubber to the back of the plate.
19. Umpires must be 15 years old or older.
20. Any player playing up during the regular season will not be allowed to play back down in the same season. The only exception would be if the older team could not field enough players to finish the

regular season. This would require an appeal to the league directors.

21. All games must finish with a winner. NO TIES!! Games will be graded on a point system. Win is 2pts, loss is 1pt, tie is 0 pts, and forfeit is -1 pt. This will help determine seeding for tournaments.
22. (Rule 1.10) The bat must be a baseball bat which meets the USA Baseball Bat standard (USABat) as adopted by Little League. **Maximum bat Diameter is 2-5/8" and the bat must have USA BASEBALL stamped. BBCOR bats are not permitted.**
23. (Rule 1.08) On Deck batter is not permitted.

**Red** is rules changed 2019

**Green** is rules not found in rule book.