

## Minor Baseball Rules-2023

1. 5 inning game- No new inning will start after 1 hour and 15 minutes. Mercy rule will be in effect throughout season. If home team is up 15 runs after two and one half innings, or 10 runs after three and one half innings game will be over.
2. Pitchers are to follow Little League Pitch Count rules and restrictions. Coaches are required to abide by pitch counts and days' rest per little league rules listed below.
3. Little League is about giving every kid an opportunity to play and they must be rotated through throughout the game. We will play with open substitution and all players in attendance will bat.
4. 6 run limit per inning, with the exception of the last inning which is listed below. A team can score up to 8 runs based on number of runners on base. EX: 4 runs have been scored, bases are loaded and batter hits a double and 2 more runs score for a total of 6 runs in the inning.
5. 5th inning is unlimited runs. Last inning must be determined before it starts.
6. No leading off bases. Stealing is not allowed, but you can advance on a passed ball.
7. Play is dead once ball is in the pitchers hand. If runners are halfway to the next base they will be awarded the base. There will however not be the cat and mouse game with a runner at third base.
8. Only one base allowed on an overthrow on a ball that is out of play.
9. On third strike batter is out. Batter cannot run to 1st base on passed ball
10. Pitch count rule will be in effect all season. Players age will be determined by the 2020 Little League players age chart.
  - a. Coaches will be responsible for keeping track of pitches and be able to let the opposing coach or umpire know the pitchers count at any time.
  - b. The home team will be the designated as the official book and pitch count.
  - c. The official pitch count recorder should inform the umpire when a pitcher has delivered his/her maximum limit of pitches for the game, as noted in #8. The umpire will inform the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed in accordance with #8. However, the failure by the pitch count recorder to notify the umpire, and/or the failure of the umpire to notify the manager, does not relieve the manager of his/her responsibility to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible.
11. The coach must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position:

### League Age:

- 11 - 85 pitches per day
  - 9-10 - 75 pitches per day
  - 7-8 - 50 pitches per day
- a. **Exception:** If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed in Regulation VI (c) for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: 1. That batter reaches base; 2. That batter is put out; 3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning. **Note 1: A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day. Note 2: Any player who has played the position of catcher in four or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.**

12 Pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:

- a. If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- b. If a player pitches 51-65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- c. If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- d. If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- e. If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.