

2011 Little League Baseball Tournament Rule Summary

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| | 9/10 year old | 10/11 year old | Little League (11-12) | Juniors (12-14) | Seniors (14-16) | Big League (16-18) |
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| Max Roster Size | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 16 | 17 |
| Baseballs | RS-T marked baseballs required | | | | | |
| Mandatory Play | 13+ players: Minimum of 1 at bat and 3 consecutive defensive outs. 12 or fewer: Minimum of 1 at bat and 6 consecutive defensive outs. Substitute entering game for first time may not be removed until this is met. | | | | Does not apply | |
| Curfew | No new inning after midnight | | | No new inning after 12:30 AM | No new inning after 1:00 AM. | |
| Time Limits | If two games are scheduled for the same site, no time limit may be imposed on the first game. | | | | | |
| Pitch Count | 75 / day | 10: 75/day 11: 85/day | 85/day | 12: 85/day 13-14: 95/day | 95/day | 105/day |
| Pitch Count | 1 – 20 pitches: no rest, 21 – 35 pitches: 1 calendar day 36 – 50 pitches, 2 calendar days rest. 51 – 65 pitches, 3 calendar days 66+: 4 calendar days. | | | | 1 – 30: no rest; 31 – 45: 1 day; 46 – 60: 2 days; 61 – 75: 3 days; 76+: 4 days. | |
| Pitching in Multiple Games | May only pitch in one game per day | | | May pitch in two games if 30 or fewer pitches thrown in first game. | May pitch in two games/day | |
| Pitching in Consecutive games | Allowed, subject to rest requirements | | | | | |
| Pitching in suspended game resumed the next day | If pitcher pitched 20 or fewer pitches, may continue – pitch count starts at zero. If 21-40 pitches, may continue – pitch count picks up from previous game. If 41 or more pitches, not eligible. If another game intervenes, see Rule 4(h) | | | | Same, except 30/60 pitches instead of 20/40 | |
| Pitcher returning to mound | Pitchers once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers. | | | 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 per game. | | |
| Pitcher/Catcher | A pitcher who delivers <u>41</u> or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day. A 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. | | | | | |
| Player Re-entry (Starter or Sub) | Any player who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game in the SAME position in the batting order. A substitute entering the game for the first time may not be removed prior to completion of his/her mandatory play requirements. | | | | Starters may re-enter to their original spot in the batting order <u>once</u> . Substitutes may not re-enter once they have left the game. | |
| Substitutions | Defensive: Must be made as team takes the field, or while team is in the field. Offensive: Must be made as player comes to bat, or while player is on base. | | | | | |
| Defensive Conferences | Two in an inning, pitcher must be removed from mound on third visit in inning. Three in a game, pitcher must be removed from mound on fourth visit in game. | | | Same. Each pitcher has his/her own "count" of visits, which resumes if pitcher returns to mound later in the game. | | |
| 10-Run Rule | After 4 innings, 3 ½ if home team is ahead. | | | After 5 innings, 4 ½ if home team is ahead | | |
| On Deck Batters | Not allowed. Only the leadoff batter is permitted outside the dugout between innings. | | | Allowed. | | |
| Special Pinch Runner | Allowed at all levels. Once per inning, any player not currently in the batting order may run. A player may only be <u>removed</u> for a special pinch runner once per game. | | | | | |
| Adults | 1 manager and 2 coaches allowed regardless of number of players. | | | | | |
| Base Coaches | Two adult base coaches may be used at all levels, provided there is an adult in the dugout. | | | | | |
| Protests | Playing rule or improper substitution: | | Must be made before next pitch, play or attempted play. | | | |
| | Mandatory play: | | Must be made before umpires leave the field. | | | |
| | Ineligible pitcher or player: | | As soon as facts become known, but before either teams' next game. | | | |

The information on this chart is intended as a reference summary of the various tournament rules. It does not cover every possible circumstance, and is not a substitute for reading and fully understanding the tournament rules section of the Official Playing Rules.