

2012 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 (13-16)	Big League (15-18)
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			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	
Consecutive games	Pitching in consecutive games is 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 per inning, pitcher must be removed from mound on third visit in inning. Three per 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		
3rd Strike Not Caught	Batter is out	Batter is out if first is occupied with less than two outs. If first is unoccupied or there are two outs, batter becomes runner and defense must put him/her out.				
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: As soon as the facts become known.. 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.