

# 2008 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)
<b>Baseballs</b>	RS-T marked baseballs required					
<b>Mandatory Play</b>	Minimum of 1 at bat AND 3 consecutive defensive outs. Penalty only applies if game is full length, not if game is shortened due to curfew, weather, etc.				Does not apply	
<b>Curfew</b>	No new inning after 11:00 PM			No new inning after 11:30 PM		No new inning after midnight.
<b>Time Limits</b>	If two games are scheduled for the same site, no time limit may be imposed on the first game.					
<b>Pitch Count</b>	75 / day	10: 75/day 11: 85/day	85/day	12: 85/day 13-14: 95/day	95/day	105/day
<b>Pitching Rest</b>	1 – 20 pitches: no rest 21 – 45 pitches: one calendar day 46+: two calendar days.					1 – 35: no rest 36 – 60: one day 61+: two days.
<b>Pitching in Consecutive Games</b>	Only allowed if 20 or fewer pitches thrown in previous game. Exception: allowed between levels (i.e. Districts vs. Sectionals) if rest requirements met.					Same, except 35 pitches instead of 20
<b>Pitcher of Record in Resumed Game</b>	<b><i>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 4(i), page T-13.</i></b>					Same, except 25/50 pitches instead of 20/40, and page is T-15.
<b>Pitcher returning to mound</b>	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.		
<b>Pitcher/Catcher</b>	<b><i>A pitcher who delivers one or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.</i></b>					
<b>Intentional Walk</b>	<b><i>The “no-pitch” intentional walk is no longer permitted.</i></b>					
<b>Player Re-entry (Starter or Sub)</b>	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.				<b><i>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.</i></b>	
<b>Substitutions</b>	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.					
<b>Defensive Conferences (visits with pitcher or other player)</b>	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.		
<b>10-Run Rule</b>	After 4 innings, 3 ½ if home team is ahead.			After 5 innings, 4 ½ if home team is ahead		
<b>On Deck Batters</b>	Not allowed. Only the leadoff batter is permitted outside the dugout between innings.			Allowed.		
<b>Special Pinch Runner</b>	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.					
<b>Adults</b>	If 13 or more rostered players present for game, 1 manager and 2 coaches allowed. If 12 or fewer rostered players present for game, only 1 manager and 1 coach allowed.					
<b>Base Coaches</b>	Two adult base coaches may be used at all levels, provided there is an adult in the dugout.					
<b>Protests</b>	<b>Playing rule:</b> Must be made before next pitch, play or attempted play. <b>Improper substitution:</b> Must be made before next pitch, play or attempted play. <b>Ineligible pitcher:</b> Must be made before umpires leave the field. <b>Ineligible player:</b> 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.