

2009 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)
Max Roster Size	14	14	14	14	16	17
Baseballs	RS-T marked baseballs required					
Mandatory Play	Minimum of 1 at bat AND 3 consecutive defensive outs. Penalty does not apply if game is shortened due to curfew, weather, etc.				Does not apply	
Curfew	No new inning after 11:00 PM			No new inning after 11:30 PM		No new inning after midnight.
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 – 45 pitches: one calendar day 46+: two calendar days.				1 – 35: no rest 36 – 60: one day 61+: two days.	
Pitching in Consecutive Games	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	
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 4(i), page T-13.				Same, except 35/60 pitches instead of 20/40, and page is T-14.	
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 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that 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 (visits with pitcher or other player)	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	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.					
Base Coaches	Two adult base coaches may be used at all levels, provided there is an adult in the dugout.					
Protests	Playing rule: Must be made before next pitch, play or attempted play. Improper substitution: Must be made before next pitch, play or attempted play. Ineligible pitcher: Must be made before umpires leave the field. Ineligible 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.