

2008 Little League Rule Changes



Regulation V – SELECTION OF PLAYERS

NOTE: All candidates who are league age twelve (12) must be drafted to a **Major Division Team**. Exceptions can only be made with written approval from the DA, and only if approved at the local league level by the Board of Directors and the parent of the candidate. (12 year olds are still permitted to play up in the Junior Division.)

Regulation VI – PITCHERS: All Baseball Divisions

The manager 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	Pitches Per Day
<u>7 – 8</u>	<u>50 pitches per day</u>
9 - 10	75 pitches per day
11 – 12	85 pitches per day
13 – 16	95 pitches per day

EXCEPTION: If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed in the above section for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until that batter reaches base, is put out, or the third out is recorded on a base.

~~**Note:** *intentional Walk:* Before a pitch is delivered to the batter, the catcher must inform the umpire-in-chief that the defensive team wishes to give the batter an intentional walk. The umpire-in-chief waves the batter to first base. The ball is dead.~~

DELETE. The No-Pitch Intentional Walk is eliminated. The defense must now again use the “conventional” means of intentionally walking the batter. (by pitching four balls to him/her)

Pitchers must adhere to the following rest requirements:

If a player pitches 1 – 20 pitches in a day, zero calendar day of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 21 – 40 pitches in a day, 1 calendar day of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 41 – 60 pitches in a day, 2 calendar days, and a game of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 61 or more pitches in a day, 3 calendar days, and a game of rest must be observed.

A player may not pitch in consecutive games.

Exception – League Age 16 and under – A player may pitch in consecutive games if 40 or less pitches were pitched in the previous game.

League Age 17 & 18 – A player may pitch in consecutive games if 50 or less pitches were pitched in the previous game.

Note: A pitcher removed from a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.

Rule 1.06

Leagues are required to ensure that first, second and third bases will disengage their anchor.

Baseball Divisions: Rule 1.10

Senior/Big League baseball a bat shall not be any longer than 36 inches in length, nor more than 2 ¼ for wood, or 2 5/8 for non-wood, in diameter. A bat shall not weigh, numerically, more than three ounces less than the length (in inches) of the bat (e.g., a 33- inch-long bat cannot be less than 30 ounces). Senior and Big League non- wood bats shall meet the BESR (Bat Exit Speed Ratio) performance standard, and such bats shall be printed with a permanent certification mark.

Note 3: Beginning with the 2009 season, non-wood bats used in divisions of Little League (league age 12 years old and younger) shall be printed with a BPF (bat performance factor) of 1.15 or less.

White bats are prohibited. (The prohibition on white bats is in effect immediately.)

Rule 2.00 – INNING

An INNING is that portion..... (Minor League Only – A five-run limit is to be imposed, which would complete the half inning.)

Rule 6.02(c)

If the batter refuses to take his/her position in the batter’s box during a time at bat, the umpire shall call a strike on the batter. The ball is dead, and no runners may advance. After the penalty, the batter may take a proper position and the regular ball and strike count shall continue.....

Rule 7.05 (j)

One base, if a fielder deliberately touches a pitched ball with his/her cap, mask or any part of his/her uniform detached from its proper place on his/her person. The ball is in play, and the award is made from the position of the runner at the time the ball was touched.

Rule 8.01

- (a) The Windup Position. The pitcher shall stand facing the batter, the pivot foot in contact with the pitcher’s plate, and the other foot free.....
- (b) The Set Position. Set Position shall be indicated by the pitcher when the pitcher stands facing the batter with the pivot foot in contact with,.....

Tournament Rule 10

- (i) **SENIOR LEAGUE/BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL:**

Any player in the starting line-up, including the designated hit, who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game **ONCE**, provided such player occupies the same batting position as he/she or she did in the starting line-up. A substitute (non-starter) **may not re-enter** the game in any position once they are removed from the line-up.