

MAJOR DIVISION RULES – cheat sheet

- 1) **Line Up forms** for each game must include all rostered players along with their jersey numbers and starting positions, as well as Manager and 2 coaches. If only two adults, then one must stay in the dugout during at bats and a player wearing a helmet may be placed in a coaches' box.
- 2) Little League rule book in effect at all times unless otherwise agreed upon.
- 3) **10 run mercy rule after four innings** (3 ½ if home team is ahead).
- 4) **9 defensive players** allowed in the field. If a team has less than 9 players, they may play with 8 players. If less than 8, teams may lend each other players to get a game in. **Late arrivals** may play if they are included on the line-up sheet prior to the game.
- 5) **Call-Overs/Ups: Teams may use call-ups from AAA Minor division.** A player may not be called-up more than **3 times** Call-ups are **not allowed to pitch or catch.** Players can only be called up due to illness or another player is missing from the line-up.
- 6) **Rainouts:** Umpire to make decision on start of game if weather is poor. If rained out before full four innings (3 ½ if home team ahead) game is cancelled and each team is awarded a "0" score.
- 7) **Players Sitting: No player shall sit for more than 2 innings in a game.**
- 8) **Batting:** All players will bat in a **continuous order.** **Batter can run on dropped (uncaught) 3rd strike.**
- 9) In the event of an injury to any runner, the replacement player shall be the last batter who is currently not on base.
- 10) **Pitching:**
 - Any player on a regular season team may pitch. There is no limit to the number of pitchers a team may use in a game.
 - A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return as a pitcher.
 - Pitching Changes must be announced to the Plate Umpire.
 - **Pitch counts** as per the rule book will be in effect. The manager must remove the pitcher when the pitch count limit is reached: **11 & 12 years old - 85 pitches per day / 9 & 10 years old - 75 pitches per day.**
 - Exception: If a pitcher reaches pitch limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: 1) That batter reaches base; 2) That batter is put out; 3) The third out is made to complete the half-inning.
 - **Catcher/Pitcher Eligibility – A player who played the position of catcher for three (3) innings or less, moves to the pitcher position, and delivers 21 pitches or more in the same day, may not return to the catcher position on that calendar day. EXCEPTION: If the pitcher reaches the 20-pitch limit (15- and 16-year-olds: 30-pitch limit) while facing**

a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch, and maintain their eligibility to return to the catcher position, until any one of the following conditions occur: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; or (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game.

- If a pitcher reaches 40 pitches while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch, and maintain their eligibility to play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day, until any one of the following conditions occurs: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; or (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game. The pitcher would be allowed to play the catcher position provided that pitcher is moved, removed, or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter. If a player delivers 41 or more pitches, and is not covered under the threshold exception, the player may not play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.

Pitchers must adhere to the following rest requirements:

- If pitch 66 or more in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If pitch 51 - 65 in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If pitch 36 - 50 in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If pitch 21 - 35 in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.

The pitch count recorder must provide the current pitch count if requested. However, the manager is responsible for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed. The official pitch count recorder should inform the umpire when a pitcher has delivered his/her maximum limit of pitches for the game. The umpire will inform the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed. However, the failure by the pitch count recorder to notify the umpire-in-chief, and/or the failure of the umpire-in-chief to notify the manager, does not relieve the manager of his/her responsibility to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible.

Pitching Notes

- Pitches delivered in games declared "Regulation Tie Games" or "Suspended Games" shall be charged against a pitcher's eligibility. In suspended games resumed on another day, the pitchers of record at the time the game was halted may continue to pitch to the extent of their eligibility for that day, provided they have met the required days of rest.

Pitchers who hit 3 batters in 1 inning or 4 times in one game will be removed as pitcher