

2018 Little League Baseball Tournament Rule Summary

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| Max Roster Size | 16 | |
| Baseballs | RS-T Marked baseballs Required | |
| Mandatory Play | If a tournament team has 13 or more eligible players in uniform at a game, then every player on a team roster shall participate in each game for a minimum of 1 at bat. If a tournament team has 12 or fewer eligible players in uniform at a game, then every player on a team roster shall participate in each game for a minimum of 6 consecutive outs and bat at least 1 time. | |
| Game Length/ Time Limits | Six Innings- and two and a half hour time limit will be enforced No time limit for Medal Games 2 points for a win – 1 point for a tie | |
| Pitch Count per day | MAX= 75 | MAX= 85 |
| 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 | |
| Pitching in Multiple Games | *** May only pitch in one game per day.*** | |
| Consecutive games | Pitching in consecutive games is allowed if it's not in the same day and follow 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) intervenes | |

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| 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 any time 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. 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. | |
| Reversion Rule | If a pitcher reaches a day(s) of rest threshold 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 retired; 3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game. The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar day(s) of rest for the threshold he/she reached during that at-bat, provided that pitcher is removed or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter. | |
| Substitutions | <u>Defensive substitutions</u> must be made while the team is on defense. <u>Offensive substitutions</u> must be made at the time the offensive player has her/his turn at base or 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. | |
| Mercy Rule | 10-Run Rule= After 4 innings, 3 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. |

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| On Deck Batters | Not allowed. Only the leadoff batter is permitted outside the dugout between innings. |
| Special Pinch Runner | Twice a game, but not more than once an inning. Only once per player. |
| 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 | <p>Playing rule or improper substitution: Must be made before next pitch, play or attempted play</p> <p>Mandatory play (Certain Amount of innings for each player): As soon as the facts become known – Penalty: Team Manager suspended for the next two scheduled tournament games.</p> <p>Ineligible pitcher or player: As soon as facts become known, but before the umpire(s) leave the field at the end of the game.</p> |
| 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. |
| Inclement Weather | <p>Lightning- 30 minute wait, per lightning strike</p> <p>Complete game 3 ½ or 4 innings before beings called</p> <p>Any cancelation / rescheduling issues will come from HQ</p> |
| Grace Period | All teams will be given a 15 minute grace period beginning at the start time of their scheduled game. At the end of 15 minutes if a team official has not contacted the Nutmeg State Games Administration a forfeit will be declared. |
| Starting and Finishing a Game | All teams must start with nine (9) players. Any team that does not have enough players to start the game will forfeit. Teams cannot borrow a player from another team. Teams are allowed to finish with eight (8) players. |
| Where Coaches can stand | In the dugout while their team is in the field or in the 1 st base coach & 3 rd base coach box. |

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| <p>Bat Rules</p> | <p>It shall not be more than thirty-three (33) inches in length nor more than two and one-quarter (2 5/8) inches in diameter. Non-wood bats shall be labeled with a BPF (bat performance factor) of 1.15 or less;</p> <p>Illegal Bats: Protest must be made before next batter steps into the batter's box. Manager and Player ejected, one less eligible adult base coach</p> |
| <p>Batter's Box</p> | <p>After entering the batter's box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one foot throughout the at bat.</p> <p>Rule 6.03 – the batter's legal position shall be with both feet within the batter's box</p> <p><u>Exceptions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On a swing, slap, or check swing • When forced out of the box on a pitch • When the batter attempts a "drag bunt" • When the catcher does not catch the pitched ball • When a play has been attempted • When time has been called • When the pitcher leaves the dirt area of the pitching mound or takes a position more than five feet from the pitcher's plate after receiving the ball or the catcher leaves the catchers box. • On a three ball count pitch that is a strike that the batter thinks is a ball. |
| <p>Forfeiture</p> | <p>Results in a 6-0 loss for the team who forfeited</p> |