



# 2024 LITTLE LEAGUE® RULEBOOK SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

## REGULATIONS

**Baseball, Softball, and Challenger – Regulation I(c) – The League:** Outlines additional requirements as outlined in the Child Protection Program.

- Regulation I (c) (10): Mandatory Training and Continuing Education
- Regulation I (c) (11): Mandatory Reporting
- Regulation I (c) (12): Non-Retaliation
- Regulation I (c) (13): Prohibit One on One Contact

*Please note that the Child Protection Program has been updated beginning with the 2024 season. Please review all updates at [LittleLeague.org/ChildProtection](https://LittleLeague.org/ChildProtection).*

## RULES

**Softball – Rules 2.00, 8.01(s), 8.05(a) – Leaping:** The act of leaping while delivering a pitch in softball is a legal delivery. The pitcher may have both feet off the ground at the same time as long as both feet remain in the 24-inch width of the pitching plate and the pitcher does not replant the pivot foot. The replant of a pivot foot occurs when the pitcher pushes off the playing surface from anywhere other than the pitcher's plate in the act of delivering a pitch.

**Softball (Senior Division) – Rules 2.00, 3.03, 7.14(a) – Designated Player (DP)/Flex:** This change replaces the Designated Hitter with the Designated Player (DP)/Flex to provide more opportunity for players in Senior League Softball.

- **Designated Player (DP):** The player who is initially on the line-up card in the team's batting order but not in the defensive line-up.
- **Flex:** The player who is initially listed in the tenth spot, and may play any defensive position, may enter the game on offense only in the Designated Player's (DP) batting position.

## TOURNAMENT

**Baseball and Softball (Tournament Play) – Rule 2.00 – At-Bat:** Clarifies that for purposes of satisfying Mandatory Play for Tournament Play only, the definition of At-Bat in regard to completing an At-Bat after a player is retired as a batter; retired as a batter-runner; reaches base and scores; or reaches base and the inning/game ends, does not apply in Tournament Play.