

## LA VERNE LITTLE LEAGUE MAJOR DIVISION GROUND RULES 2025

1. Mercy Rule is in effect after 4 innings or 3.5 innings if the Home Team is winning by 10. Including Playoffs. However the championship game will not have a mercy rule.
2. Time limit will be no new inning started after 2:00 hours. Playoffs will have no time limit and play until there is a winner. If for some reason the game has to be stopped by Umpire discretion and 4 innings have been completed a game can be called complete pending president and division VP review.
3. There can be two adult base coaches as long as one adult coach remains in the dugout at all times. A maximum of 3 adults (manager and two coaches) are allowed in the dugout. All coaches must coach from inside the dugout and are not allowed to coach on the field, with the exception of the offensive team's base coaches. The names of the three adults (manager and coaches) must be listed on the lineup card each game. Only those three persons will be allowed to coach in that game. If a manager/coach is ejected from the game or has to leave for any other reason, the team will not be allowed to have a replacement coach during the game.
4. The **home team** is responsible for supplying the official scorekeeper. The **visiting team** is responsible for supplying the official pitch counter. Pitch counts will need to be verified during and after the game between both teams to assure accuracy. The preferred pitch count method is to use the official LVLL pitch count form (forms can be downloaded and printed from LVLL website). Game changer is acceptable but not preferred as it relates to pitch count. The winning team is responsible for texting the group thread with the score of the game.
5. Pitching logs will be kept by the manager of each team. Prior to the game, the managers of each team need to share their pitching log with each other to review pitcher eligibility. If the manager does not have his pitching log at the start of the game, he must declare that any pitcher who threw even a single pitch in the previous game threw the maximum allowed for his/her age group. Managers need to sign their pitching log and the pitching log of the opposing team at the end of each game.
6. Managers/coaches ejected from a game may receive an automatic 1-game suspension (this does not include the game ejected from), pending a review by the LVLL Disciplinary Committee. Under no circumstances will the punishment be less than a 1-game suspension (this does not include the game ejected from). It is the responsibility of the manager to control the behavior of his/her team's parents and players. Any manager ejected from a game due to parent or player behavior will receive an automatic 1-game suspension (this does not include the game ejected from), pending review by the LVLL Disciplinary Committee. In addition, any parent or player ejected from a game will also serve an automatic 1-game suspension (this does not include the game ejected from) pending a review by the LVLL Disciplinary Committee.
7. The **home team** is responsible for pre-game setup and the **visiting team** is responsible for post-game take down (this includes dragging and watering the infield). Both teams are responsible for trash pickup around their dugouts and stands. After every game the **visiting team** is responsible for emptying all the trashcans into the large dumpster by the Major Division field. This includes any day when there are additional games to follow. Teams scheduling a weekday practice on the Major Division field when a game is to follow the practice, the practicing team is responsible, **at a minimum**, for 1) watering down and dragging the infield 2) cleaning trash from both dugouts 3) raking and preparing the pitcher's mound at the conclusion of the practice. Teams found to be in violation of this may lose the use of the Major Division field for future practices at the discretion of the Division VP, League VP or League President.
8. Batting will consist of the entire roster in succession. A player that arrives after the manager/umpire meeting must be placed at the end of the batting order. If a player must leave

the game for any reason, his position in the batting order will be skipped without penalty (i.e., out).

9. Teams are to submit a listing of no more than 5 players who will be included in the division's player pool. A listing of player pool participants will be maintained by the Player Agent. All players in the pool will be assigned a numbered slot. Once a player's slot has been called, they will then fall to the end of the list. This is regardless if the player decides to participate in the game or not. Should a team be unable to field a 9-player team, they may supplement their roster by use of the player pool participants. A team may request up to 2 players from the player pool per game. Requesting more than 2 players will result in a rescheduled game at the discretion of the Division VP. A Pool player can play in the infield for no more than 3 innings and must bat at the end of the batting order. A Pool Player cannot Pitch or Catch. There are no exceptions to this rule.
10. No player shall sit out more than one consecutive defensive inning at a time.
11. The yellow plastic tubing that covers the top of the outfield fence is a safety measure only. A fly ball striking the tubing and lands in the field of play, will constitute a ball that is in-play.
12. *6.09 (b) Dropped-third-strike rule will be enforced. Comment: A batter who does not realize his situation on a third strike not caught, and who is not in the process of running to first base, shall be declared out once he leaves the dirt circle surrounding home plate. The batter becomes a runner when (b) the third strike called by the umpire is not caught, providing (1) first base is unoccupied, or (2) first base is occupied with two outs.*
13. *La Verne Little League Major Division will NOT adhere to and opt out of the 6.02 (c) one foot in the batter's box rule.*
14. *La Verne Little League Major Division will NOT adhere to and opt out of the 9.01 (d) stealing signs rule.*
15. *The game rules as defined by Little League will be followed, it is the responsibility of the Manager to know the rules and play by them.*
16. *Only Team Managers can address the umpire to discuss a call or play.*
17. *Protests will have to follow rule 4.19 in the handbook, Managers will be the only person to protest a game.*
18. *Coaches are allowed to warm up pitchers in between innings on the field and in the bullpens.*
19. *USA Certified Bats are the only bats allowed for play.*
20. *There is NO Penalty for injury, however if a player is removed from the batting order for injury they will be removed from the lineup for the remainder of the game.*
21. *All Catchers will be required to have a throat guard on their mask even while catching in the bullpens. All Catchers will be required to wear a protective cup. No other player on the field is required to wear a cup, it is a suggestion.*
22. *There WILL NO Forfeits. If a team is unable to field a full team for any reason the game will be re-scheduled on the next available day by the Division VP.*