

## **Section 6.05 Major Division Ground Rules**

1. Teams will be drafted with the supervision of the Player Agent and in accordance with the drafting rules indicated in the Little League Rule book.
2. Each game will consist of no more than six (6) innings or a minimum of 1 hour 45 mins, whichever occurs first. If a new inning is started prior to the 1 hour 45 min mark, the full inning must be completed, with the exception being if the home team were leading, the bottom of the inning would not be played. No new inning will begin once the time limit has expired. Extra innings will be played pending the light schedule at the park.
3. Four (4) completed innings will constitute a regulation game. The exception being in the case of a 3 inning mercy rule win. The mercy rule will apply when the winning team is up by 15 runs after 3 completed innings or 10 runs after 4 completed innings.
4. Any cheering must be done in a sportsmanlike manner and cannot be directed in any way towards the opposing team. Cheers should only be done as encouragement for a team's own players.
5. During pre-game warmups, players wearing a catcher's helmet and mask may warm up the pitcher. Adults may warm up pitchers.
6. Umpires will wait 15 minutes after scheduled game time before calling a forfeit
7. All players must be listed on the official line up card and a properly registered player.
8. The Major Division is allowed to have three (3) adults in the dugout/field area during games. Adults allowed are one (1) Board approved/rostered Manager and two (2) Board

approved/rostered Coaches. One (1) Manager/Coach must remain in the dugout area at all times.

9. One (1) Manager or Coach is allowed to stand on the field when their team is playing defense per umpire's discretion. Offensively, only base coaches are allowed onto the field. (buckets are not allowed on the field at any time)

10. If an umpire does not show up as scheduled, the game will be rescheduled if possible and/or necessary or each team may provide an umpire, but only if both teams are in agreement.

11. Each player, at minimum, must have 1 at bat and 6 consecutive outs on defense.

12. A continuous batting order will be in effect.

13. Intentional walks are allowed. Manager of the team on defense must notify the umpire prior to the pitch to the batter he intends to walk. The appropriate number of "balls" needed based on the count on the batter at the time of the manager's request to complete the Intentional Walk will be added to the pitch count for the pitcher on the mound at the time of the intentional walk. Baserunners may not steal during an intentional walk. Only forced baserunners will advance during the intentional walk.

14. Major Division players may advance on a third strike that is not caught in flight by the catcher, unless 1st base is currently occupied, with the exception of it being two (2) outs.

15. A ball that bounces over the fence is a ground rule double and the batter will be placed on second base.

16. A ball that goes over the fence, or hits the fence and lands over the fence, is a home run. A ball that hits the fence but lands

inside the fence, is not a home run and the ball remains in play.

17. Batter must keep one foot inside the batter's box at all times during his/her at bat.

18. Maximum pitch count for 9-10 year olds is 75 pitches.

Maximum pitch count for 11-12 year olds is 85 pitches.

a. Days of rest must be observed per Little League guidelines, which are listed below:

1-20 pitches – No (0) calendar day of rest is required

21-35 pitches – One (1) calendar days of rest required

36-50 pitches – Two (2) calendar days of rest required

51-65 pitches – Three (3) calendar days of rest required

66 or more pitches – Four (4) calendar days of rest required

19. A pitcher who delivers over 40 pitches in a game may play the position of catcher in that same game ONLY if he/she were thresholded during the at bat he/she reached 40 pitches. It is the Managers responsibility to inform/confirm with the scorekeeper that the pitcher was properly thresholded.

20. A player may not pitch in any game in which he or she has played the position of catcher more than 3 innings.

21. A manager or coach may come out to the mound twice in one inning to visit with the pitcher, but on the second time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. A manager or coach may come out two times in one game to visit with the pitcher but the third time out, the player must be removed as pitcher.

22. Team must provide the current pitching log to the scorekeeper at every game. Failure to provide the pitching log will result in Manager suspension for one game.

23. Team Manager must remain on the field/in the dugout with

the team at all times. In the event of an emergency, Manager will notify the umpire, Board member on duty, and his coaches prior to leaving the game.

24. Standings will be kept. The team with the best record at the end of the regular season will be the TOC team. In the event of a tie, the team with the better head to head record, will be the TOC team.

25. The backstop will remain open for spectators. Spectators who are sitting or standing behind the backstop may not relay signs to the pitcher or interrupt the players or umpires on the field in any way. If the umpire or Board member on duty feels spectators sitting behind the backstop are interfering in any way with the game, the backstop will be closed.

26. Games may be played with eight (8) players on each team. There will be no penalty implemented when the 9<sup>th</sup> spot comes up to bat, it will be simply skipped.

27. A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher/catcher of record when there are 2 outs during an inning. The courtesy runner will be the player who made the previous/last out. The courtesy runner must be reported to the umpire and scorekeeper.