

NJ State Little League

7- and 8-Year-Old Player-Pitch North & South dual-Sectional Tournaments & State Championship Game

2023 Playing Rules & Procedures

Adopted April 15, 2023

Tournaments will begin Friday, July 15, 2023

The North vs. South Championship Game will be played on or about July 30.



THESE RULES SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO AND REVIEWED WITH THE TEAM REPRESENTING EACH DISTRICT NO LATER THAN JUNE 30. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS MUST ADVISE THE STATE DIRECTOR AND TOURNAMENT HOST D.A. **BY JUNE 16** IF THEIR DISTRICT WILL PARTICIPATE AND, IF SO, PROVIDE TEAM CONTACT INFORMATION (email and cell phone) BY JUNE 30.

NOTE: Teams representing a District need not be the champion of a District Tournament.

Teams will represent one league only; no combinations will be permitted.

- ✓ Rosters for participating teams will consist of a minimum 12 players and a maximum of 14 players.
- ✓ Players must be eligible in accordance with Little League Tournament Regulations.
- ✓ Teams must complete a NJ State L.L. amended affidavit form which will be reviewed and approved by their respective D.A. and, again, by the tournament host D.A. Affidavits must be accompanied by a copy of each player's birth certificate and copy of the parent's driver license or the LL issued school enrollment form.
- ✓ Tournament hosts shall not schedule any teams to play on back-to-back days.

Game play will follow Minor League playing rules as outlined in the 2023 Little League Rule Book, except as modified below.

Please note that L.L. Minor League rules contain, but are not limited to, the following provisions:

- A courtesy runner shall be allowed (but not required) for pitcher and/or catcher with two outs.
- 46-foot pitching distance.
- "Infield Fly" rule will be enforced.
- Maximum number of pitches and days of rest as described in L.L. Regulation IV. 6-8 Yr Olds may pitch a maximum of 50 pitches per day.
- Mandatory play requirement of six outs on defense which do not have to be played consecutively.
- Games may not start with less than nine (9) regular rostered players. If a team has eight (8) players, they may borrow a defensive player from the opposing team. If during the game, a team drops below eight (8) players, that team shall concede defeat.

Pitching Days of Rest

- If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.

Modifications to LL Minor League playing rules:

- A continuous batting order shall be used in accordance with LL Tournament Rule #9
- There will no stealing of any bases.
- Teams will be allowed a total of three adult coaches. One coach must be placed behind the catcher while their team is on defense.
- Minor League Rule 5.07 will not apply.
- Games will be five innings.
- There will be a five-run limit per offensive half-inning for the first 4 innings.
- There will be a ten-run limit per offensive half-inning for the 5th inning.
- Mercy Rule will be 15 runs after three at-bats by the trailing team; and 10 runs after four at-bats.
- "Slash Bunting" will not be allowed. (Showing bunt and pulling back to swing.)
- Runners will only be permitted to advance one base on any "overthrow" into foul territory.