



## Playing Rules

### 2021 LFLA

#### AA Division Season Play

The AA Division is intended to be a logical transition from Single A to AAA+ division baseball, and is the first division of player-exclusive pitching, keeping score, standings, and playoffs. Players continue developing baseball fundamentals and important aspects of teamwork in this competitive division. Although competitive, the focus remains on player development with the emphasis always placed on having fun, player safety, and sportsmanship!

1. At one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes from the start of the game, the existing inning shall be finished and the next inning shall be the final inning played with unlimited runs. As a guideline, this should result in games being approximately two (2) hours on average. Umpire may call a game earlier if it is their judgment that playing conditions are unsafe. If the game has been called before it becomes a regulation game, as per Rule 4.10(c), it will be resumed exactly where it was left off, as per Rule 4.10(d).
2. If six (6) innings are completed before the specified time limit and there is a tie score, additional innings may be played.
3. There will be a continuous batting order which includes all rostered players.
4. Infield fly rule will not be enforced.
5. Each half inning other than the last inning will end after 3 outs or 5 runs, whichever occurs first. Exception: during a regular inning (not unlimited runs), scoring more than 5 runs may be accomplished by 1) an over-the-fence home run, where all runners are allowed to score and be counted or (2) in the case of a ground-rule double the runners on second and third are allowed to score and be counted.
6. No players present can sit out 2 consecutive innings. Exceptions can be made for physical injuries.
7. Runners may choose to attempt to advance ("steal") on a passed ball (i.e. home plate is "open").
8. Games may be started and played with a minimum of eight (8) players. If only eight (8) players are available, the team may skip over the ninth (9th) position in the batting line-up without penalty.

9. Courtesy runners may be used with continuous batting order rules per Blue Book Rule 7.14(b).
10. The rest of the AA rules for the regular season will be Green Book rules.
11. Home team is responsible for keeping score and visiting team is responsible for pitch count and scoreboard operation.
12. Field Maintenance:
  - a. The home team shall be responsible for field preparation. The field must be in playing condition at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start time. The field must be dragged, watered (if necessary) and lines painted/chalked.
  - b. The visiting team shall be responsible for fields take down and locking all equipment in the bin.
  - c. All trash shall be cleared from the dugouts by both teams.

### **AA Division Post Season Play**

1. Single elimination tournament. Seeding is based on regular season record.
  - a. The higher seeded team has the choice of being home team or visiting team.
2. All post season games shall be played per regular season rules except as follows:
  - a. Games may not end in a tie; extra innings are allowed.
  - b. Time limit is lifted.
  - c. All games shall play a complete six (6) innings.
  - d. The sixth (6) inning shall be considered the "last inning" and both teams shall be able to score unlimited runs. Any required extra innings shall also be played as the "last inning" and both teams shall be allowed to score unlimited runs.
3. 1st & 2nd place teams in the single elimination post-season tournament get trophies.
4. Regarding District 55 TOC
  - a. If LFLL is permitted to bring one (1) team to District 55 AA TOC, the winner of the post-season single elimination tournament shall represent Lake Forest.
  - b. If LFLL is permitted to bring two (2) teams to District 55 AA TOC, the first bid will be given to the regular season champion. The regular season champion is determined by record. In the event of a tie, the regular season champion will be determined by total runs scored throughout the regular season. The second bid will be given to the winner of the LFLL post-season single elimination tournament.
  - c. If the same team wins the regular season and the post-season tournament, the second place team in the post-season tournament will be asked to compete in TOC as well.

### **Commissioners Game**

There will be a Commissioners Game at the end of the post season to be played by two (2) team of twelve (12) selected players from the AA Division. The managers of the Commissioners Game teams will be selected by the AA Commissioner. An even number of players from each regular season team will be invited and nominated by their managers. Participating players receive a commemorative hat and wear their regular season's uniform for the game.

This game will be played under the same rules used during the regular season except for the following:

1. Pitchers can only pitch a maximum of one (1) inning.