



Playing Rules

2021 LFLN NWLL & IRL - Majors

Majors Division Season Play

The Majors Division is intended to be a logical transition from AAA to Intermediate Division. There will be a 46-foot pitching distance and 60-foot base distance. Players continue developing baseball fundamentals, all aspects of teamwork, and learn more advanced defense and offense strategy 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. All games, including interleague games, will count towards standings.
2. All rules will follow Green Book rules.
3. There will be a continuous batting order which includes all rostered players.
4. At two (2) hours 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 thirty (30) minutes 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).
5. If six (6) innings are completed before the specified time limit and there is a tie score, additional innings may be played.
6. The "dropped third strike" rule will be in play.
7. "15-Run Rule after 3 innings" is not being enforced and the "10-run rule after 4 innings" will be enforced.
8. No player shall sit out 2 consecutive innings.
9. 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.

10. Home team is responsible for keeping score and the visiting team is responsible for pitch count and scoreboard operation.
11. Host team is responsible for providing both plate and base umpires.
12. The home team is responsible for pre-game field preparation and setup, and post-game breakdown.
13. Courtesy runners may be used with continuous batting order rules per Blue Book Rule 7.14(b).