



# Playing Rules

Division: AA

SPRING 2022

## 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. There will be a 46-foot pitching distance and 60-foot base distance. 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 1:30 (one hour and thirty 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. The umpire may call a game earlier if it is their judgment that playing conditions are unsafe. If a game is called, the final score shall be the score at the end of the last COMPLETED inning provided it is a regulation game. (See Rules 4.11(d) and 4.10(c))
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 present.
4. The Infield Fly Rule will NOT be enforced.
5. The three (3) inning, fifteen (15) run mercy rule AND the four (4) inning ten (10) run mercy rule will be in effect per Rule 4.10(e).
6. Each half inning other than the last inning will end after three (3) outs or five (5) runs, whichever occurs first, with two (2) exceptions; 1)an over-the-fence home run, where all runners are allowed to score and be counted **OR** 2)in the case of an automatic double the runners on second and third are allowed to score and be counted.
7. No players present can sit out two (2) consecutive innings. Exceptions can be made for physical injuries.
8. Runners may choose to attempt to advance a base, including home plate, on a passed ball.
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. Courtesy runners may be used with continuous batting order per Rule 7.14(b). The last batter who made an out may be substituted as a pinch runner for the catcher or pitcher of record when there are two outs.
11. All other rules should follow the "Green Book" Rules.

12. The home team is responsible for keeping score and the visiting team is responsible for pitch count and scoreboard operation.
13. All games will count towards standings, including interleague games.
14. During an interleague game at Heroes Field, the LFLL team is responsible for set up & teardown.
15. Field Maintenance:
  - a. The home team shall be responsible for field preparation. The field must be dragged, watered (if necessary) and lines painted/chalked.
  - b. The visiting team shall be responsible for field take down and locking all equipment in the bin.
  - c. All trash shall be cleared from the dugouts by both teams.
16. The team's scoresheet/pitch count sheet shall indicate the names of all pitchers and innings pitched. Violations or discrepancies must be reported to the Division Commissioner and President within twenty-four (24) hours.