



## Local Playing Rules

### 2018 LFLL – RULES

#### AAA

##### AAA Division Season Play

The AAA+ Division is intended to be a logical transition from AAA to Majors Division baseball, and is the last “Minors” division of Little League Baseball. Players continue developing baseball fundamentals, all aspects of teamwork and learn more advanced defense and offense strategy and skills 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. AAA games shall follow Little League “Green Book” rules.
2. Continuous batting order
3. No new inning after 2 hours, drop dead at 2 hours 30 min.
4. Last inning, visiting team if down, no matter what the score is, can go up to 5 more runs than the home teams score
5. 3 outs or 5 runs, whichever occurs first
6. Per green book: all players must play 6 consecutive outs, LF rules indicate that this must be completed by the 4<sup>th</sup> inning.
7. 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 the bin.
  - c) All trash shall be cleared from the dugouts by both teams.
8. Each player needs to play the infield at least once by the 4<sup>th</sup> inning.

##### AAA Division Post Season Play

1. The regular season shall consist of one (1) whole season with 6 teams. First place will receive a bye and the rest of the teams will have a single elimination tournament for the 2<sup>nd</sup> seed. **Rewarded**
2. If teams have the same points, a tie-breaker procedure as follows shall be implemented to determine the winner for the playoff seeding: Tie-Breaker if needed is determined by (1<sup>st</sup>) head to head (2<sup>nd</sup>) runs allowed (3<sup>rd</sup>) coin flip.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place will play 6<sup>th</sup> place
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place will play 5<sup>th</sup> place
  - 1 & 2 have a bye
3. Higher seed has the choice of being the home or visitors.
4. All post season games shall be played per regular season rules except as follows:  
Games may not end in a tie; extra innings are allowed.



Time limit is lifted.

All games shall play a complete six (6) innings.

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.

5. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place will get trophies.

**Tournament of Champions Representatives:** Play off winner is the sole team going to TOC.

**ATTACHED ARE NEW RULES THAT WERE VOTED ON BY CONGRESS TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY – THESE WERE NOT WITHIN THE GREENBOOK HOWEVER THEY ARE NOW**

ITEM 1 - Affects: Regulation II – LEAGUE BOUNDARIES – New Regulation – II(h) – All Divisions of Baseball and Softball – **No Action – Yes 41.80% and No 57.99%**

ITEM 2 - Affects: Regulation III(c) – THE TEAMS and Operating Policies Local League Draft Methods – Major Divisions of Baseball and Softball – Local League must establish the age structure for the Little League (Major) Division. At no time shall a team have on its roster more than with players whose league age is 12. Balance of the team roster shall be comprised of players whose league age is 9, 10, or 11. For **Intermediate (50-70) Division/Junior/Senior League**, it is recommended that the local little league set a maximum and/or minimum number of participants of a particular league age. (**Example:** If the league has all 15 and 16-year old's in its Senior League Division, it may have a local rule that states that each team must carry between four and eight players of league age (16) – **Approved Yes 70.16% and no 29.63% - which means you can have as many 12 year old's on majors, not just 8**

ITEM 3 - Affects: Regulation VI(d) - PITCHERS – All Divisions of Baseball and Challenger – **Pitching in 3 Consecutive Days – Approved Yes – 68.99% and no 30.60%**

ITEM 4 - Affects: Regulation VI NOTE 3 - PITCHERS and Rule 4.10(d) – All Divisions of Baseball, Softball, and Challenger – In Suspended games resumed on another day, the pitcher of record at the time the game was halted may continue to pitch to the extend of their eligibility for that day, provided said pitcher has observed the required days of rest. EXCEPTION; In the event that the first inning is not completed, all records including pitching records, batting records, etc. shall be disregarded – Pitching & records for incomplete First Inning – Approved - Yes 80.94% and No 18.85%

ITEM 5 - Affects: Regulation VII(a) – SCHEDULES and Tournament League Eligibility (2) – Senior Divisions of Baseball and Softball – **Number of Regular Season Games – Senior Division – Approved - Yes 87.16% - No 11.60%**

ITEM 6 - Affects: Rule 3.03 – All Divisions of Baseball and Softball – **Regular Season Substitution – Approved – Yes 77.87% and No 20.90%**

ITEM 7 - Affects: Rule 4.10(e) and Tournament Rule 12 - Regulation Game – All Divisions of Baseball and Softball – **15-Run Rule After 3 Innings – Approved Yes 79.71% and No 19.88%**

ITEM 8 - Affects: Rule 8.06(a) and (b) – All Divisions of Baseball and Softball – **Visits per Pitcher – Approved Yes 85.86% and No 13.93%**

ITEM 9 - Affects: Player Eligibility – Little League (10-12) and Intermediate (50-70) Divisions of Baseball – **Tournament Player Eligibility – 10-12 Baseball – Approved – Yes 75.10% and No 23.46%**

ITEM 10 - Affects: Player Eligibility – Little League (10-12) and Junior Divisions of Softball - **Tournament Player Eligibility – 10-12 Softball – Approved Yes 76.39% and No 21.11%**

ITEM 11 - Affects: Tournament Protests – The Use of an Ineligible Player – All Divisions of Baseball and Softball – **Tournament Protests – Ineligible Player – Approved – Yes 86.68% and No 13.32%**

ITEM 12 - Affects: Tournament Rule 9 – Mandatory Play - 8-10, 9-11, 10-12, Intermediate (50-70), and Junior Baseball and Softball Divisions – **Mandatory Play Violation & Removal of Team Manager – Approved Yes 50.61% and No 48.77%**

ITEM 13 - Affects: Tournament Rule 14 – New Rule – All Divisions of Baseball and Softball – **Tie Breaker Scenario – No Action Yes 54.51% and No 45.29%**