



Local Playing Rules

2018 LFL

Majors

Majors Division Season Play

The Majors Division is intended to be a logical transition from Majors to Intermediate Division and is the last “Minors” division of Little League Baseball. Field of 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 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. All games including interleague games will count towards standings.
2. All Rules will follow Green Book rules
3. Continuous batting order
4. No new inning shall start after 2 hrs and 15 min.
5. Uncaught Third Strike – the batter becomes a runner on an uncaught third strike provided: First base is unoccupied or First Base is occupied with two outs. The batter may advance to first base any time before entering the dugout or any other dead ball area.
6. 15-Run Rule after 3 innings is not being enforced and the old mercy rule will apply.
7. Minimum Play: Free defensive substitutions are allowed during the season. However, all players must play in the field for three (3) of the first five (5) innings and at least four (4) of the six (6) innings in a regulation game. After the initial conditions of this rule are met, there is no minimum play requirement for extra-inning games

Intermediate Division Post Season Play

- a) Single elimination for TOC –
1st St plays 4th and 2nd plays 3rd – Higher seed has the choice of being the home or visitors
- b) 1st & 2nd place get trophies

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%**