



PLAYING RULES

2018 LFL

Single A

Single A Division Season Play

The Single A Division is intended to be a logical transition from the Tee Ball and Rookie divisions to player pitch baseball, using limited player pitching. Players develop the skills of batting, fielding and base running in this non-competitive, developmental division while learning the rules that closely resemble those of baseball. Emphasis is always placed on having fun, player safety and sportsmanship!

1. Base coaches must be adults. The first and third base coaches will umpire their respective bases. The offensive coach standing behind the player pitcher shall call ball/strikes and determine safe/out at home and second base. A liberal interpretation shall be applied, keeping in mind that although score is kept there are no standings kept.
2. A maximum of two defensive coaches are allowed in the outfield area only for player instruction. Coaches shall not interfere with the ball in play. During the second half of the season, defensive coaches are encouraged to stay in the dugout to assist players' transition into the upper division next season.
3. 4 kid pitches, 3 coach pitches max
4. 3 outs or 5 runs, whichever occurs first
5. Player can only advance base to base, on an infield hit
6. Any hit ball, on the fly past cones is considered a home run (as considered over the fence)
7. If the ball rolls past the cones it is ground rule double
8. Cone distance in the outfield is 120 feet from home plate.
9. Everybody plays defense however only 10 players shall be on the field at one time (6 infield and 4 outfield)
10. All other rules are considered Green Book Rules.
11. All players will receive a participation trophy.

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%**