

Riverview LL 2019 Majors Bylaws

The Board of Directors of Riverview Little League has adopted these bylaws for the 2019 Season. These rules shall be followed without exception by ALL teams.

Pre-Season

1. Teams are encouraged to have at least 2 but no more than 4 practices/week prior to season start
2. Team selection is by skills assessment and draft. Once selected to a team, that player may stay with that team in future seasons. A player may choose to reenter the draft by declaring this at the skills assessment.

Season

1. All games will start on time. Games can only begin when each team has at least 8 players. If one team is unable to field 8 players, the game will be considered a forfeit by that team. No automatic out will be recorded for a vacant 9th batter. If a team should lose a player to injury during a game and still have 8 players, no automatic out is recorded for that player's position in the line-up. If a player leaves the game early for other reasons, an automatic out shall be recorded for his/her position in the line-up.
2. There is no time limit or max inning limit. A regulation game is 6 innings. A game called by the umpire after 4 innings is considered a regulation game.
3. Each player must have at least one at bat and six defensive outs for every game they play
4. Coaches have the option to use a continuous batting line up but are not required to do so. This is a game-by-game decision and a coach does not have to make the same decision as their opponent
5. The home team keeps the official book and is responsible for reporting scores and pitch counts online within 24 hours of the game being played. Scorekeepers from both teams should communicate throughout and at the end of each game for accuracy of the score and pitch counts
6. If no umpires are present, both coaches will umpire from behind the mound during their defensive play. A substitute umpire can be utilized if both coaches agree and a background check is complete.
7. The 10 run-rule is in effect for all games after four innings or three and a half innings if the home team is ahead
8. A base runner can leave any base once the ball has crossed home plate and may steal any base
9. No head first slides. The player is allowed to dive back to the base they came from
10. Batters may advance to first base on a dropped third strike, if
 - 1st base is unoccupied
 - 1st base is occupied with two outs
11. A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return as a pitcher
12. Coaches and players may not warm up a pitcher during the game
13. A pitcher who has thrown 41 or more pitches cannot play catcher for that game
14. A catcher who has caught 4 innings cannot pitch in the same game
15. All coaches are responsible to observe the maximum pitch count below as dictated by Little League
 - Age 11 - 12, 85 pitches per day
 - Age 9 - 10, 75 pitches per day
16. Pitchers league age 12 and under must adhere to the following requirements
 - If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, 4 calendar days of rest must be observed
 - If a player pitches 51 – 65 pitches, 3 calendar days of rest must be observed
 - If a player pitches 36 – 50 pitches, 2 calendar days of rest must be observed
 - If a player pitches 21 – 35 pitches, 1 calendar days of rest must be observed
 - If a player pitches 1 - 20 pitches, no (0) calendar day of rest is required

If a pitcher reaches a day(s) of rest threshold while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: 1. That batter reaches base; 2. That batter is retired; 3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning. The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar day(s) of rest for the threshold he/she reached during that at-bat, provided that pitcher is removed before delivering a pitch to another batter.

Days of rest are defined as complete days and not 24 hours. **Example: If a player throws 55 pitches on Monday he/she must observe 3 days of rest and he/she is not eligible to pitch again until Friday.**

NOTE: Please reference the Little League Baseball Official Regulations for more detail regarding rules.