

LCN Rules Variations for Minors

For 2017 season

COACH RULES:

- All Fields are to be dragged and rake Prior to and immediately following each baseball game.
- Home team preps the field and away team closes the field.
- Each Head Coach will receive a box of "Game Balls" prior to the season. These are different from the bucket of soft practice balls each team receives for practice. Each coach will supply one game ball to the umpire prior to each game.
- Weather: both head coaches must deem the field unplayable in order for a game to be rescheduled. It is the sole responsibility of both head coaches to make a decision in the best interests of everyone involved.
- Home team is responsible for raking, chalking and setting up the field for play. The visiting team will collect the bases. Each team is responsible for cleaning their own dugout.
- Proper sportsmanship will be demonstrated at all times. Throwing of equipment, foul language and any "bad behavior" demonstrated by the coaches, players or parents will not be tolerated.
- YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR PARENTS – no exceptions.
- No inning will be allowed to start after the 2-hour game limit is reached. If time allows, extra innings will be played.
- Teams must have a minimum of 7 players present at game time to play. If a team is not present or does not have the needed 7 players to start a game they will be given 20 minutes grace period to allow late player to arrive. If after 20 minutes the needed players are not accounted for, a forfeit will be called by the umpire and the team fully present will be declared the victor.
- Mercy rule = 10 runs after 5 innings, or 4 ½ if the home team is winning.
- Players and coaches may "ask" for timeout, but it is up to the discretion of the league umpire to "grant" said timeout. The play does not stop once the ball is returned to the infield. Play is officially over when the umpire calls time.
- All teams must post, at a minimum, their pitching stats to the league website within 48 hours of games start times but a minimum of 12 hours prior to next game, with the only exception being two games played on the same day. The first instance will result in a warning. The second instance will result in a warning with notification to entire team that any further violations will result in a win being vacated. PLEASE

NOTE: This is a win, so not posting stats on a losing game will cost for repeat violators.

- Players that have to leave the game due to injury or illness will have their turn at bat skipped with no penalty to that team. Any other reason for a player being removed from the lineup will record an out against that team each time that players turn to bat occurs.
- All players must play 2 innings defensively and all players present must appear in the batting order. Free substitution is allowed except if a pitcher is pulled during an inning, he therefore cannot re-enter the game as a pitcher. If a pitcher is pulled at the end of an inning (defensively), he may reenter the game as a pitcher but may not exceed the “pitch maximum for the last 7 days” or “rest rule”.

PITCHING RULES:

- Ball is LIVE on a dropped third strike. With less than two outs. If 1st base is occupied the batter is out and base runners may proceed at their own risk.
- If 1st base is unoccupied play must be made to put the batter (now runner) out. Other runners may proceed at their own risk. With two outs a play must be made on a runner. If an out is made, any runs scored do not count.
- Pitchers are allowed to throw curve balls, but this is not endorsed by LCN Baseball or any of its officers.

TOURNAMENT PITCHING REST REQUIREMENTS				
AGE	DAILY MAX (PITCHES IN GAME/DAY)	REST PERIOD		
		0 Days	1 Day	2 Days
7-8	50	1-20	21-35	36+
9-10	75	1-40	41-65	66+
11-12	85	1-40	41-65	66+
13-15	95	1-45	46-75	76+

Minor Baseball max pitch count for a player in a 7 day period is 75

Major baseball max pitch count for a player in a 7 day period is 85

Babe Ruth baseball max pitch count for a player in a 7 day period is 95

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- Intentionally or unintentionally thrown bats will result in a warning for the entire team the first time it happens; any player that throws a bat after the warning will result in the offending player being called out, and ejected – no advance for the runners if any. An out will be recorded for each time that player comes up in the order after the incident. This rule carries forward.
- Infield fly rule is in effect. An infield fly is deemed a ball that should be routinely caught by an average player. It is at the umpires discretion whether the hit ball is an infield fly.
- Base-running, lead-offs are allowed and a base runner can advance at any time with the risk of being thrown out. **NO BASE RUNNERS MAY INTENTIONALLY RUN-OVER OR CRASH INTO A FIELDER.** At the same time, no infielder may impede a runner trying to advance without having full position of the baseball. To further clarify, a player **MUST SLIDE** to avoid a collision with a defensive fielder. Failure to do so will be subject to the umpire's sole discretion.
- Any situation that is not covered by any of the above rules will be handled in accordance of the Babe Ruth Baseball rulebook and shall be enforced by the umpire. Any other questions and/or concerns should go through the chain of command.
- If the ball leaves the field of play, base runners may only advance to the next nearest base from where they were when the ball left the field of play.