

West Seattle Little League Minors Manager Information

West Seattle Little League Minors Division games are to be played in accordance with the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball and additional Bylaws as adopted by West Seattle Little League.

Pitching Counts, Eligibility & Days Rest

Pitching eligibility will be in accordance with Regulation VI of the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball. League Age Pitch Counts Allowed per Day are summarized below:

League age	Pitch Counts
11	35 pitches per game or 3 consecutive outs, whichever occurs first (WSLL Bylaw for league age 11 playing in Minors)
9-10	75
7-8	50

If a pitcher reaches the pitch-count limit for their age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base, the batter is retired, or the third out is made to complete the half-inning.

Pitching Restrictions for Minor League Age 11 year olds (WSLL By-Law): League Age 11 year olds playing in the Minors division will be limited to either 35 pitches or 3 consecutive defensive outs, whichever occurs first, per game.

League Age 12 year olds are not allowed to pitch in Minors per Little League Regulation VI (j).

Days Rest Requirements Pitchers: Minors Pitchers must adhere to the following rest requirements:

If a player pitches in a day	Calendar Days Rest Required
66-75	4
51-65	3
36-50	2
21-35	1
1-20	0

Note: Under no circumstances may a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days.

Exception: 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 occur: (1) that batter reaches base, (2) that batter is retired, or (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning of the game. 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 or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter.

Changes for 2019: Pitching and Catching in the same game, extracts from Regulation VI:

A player who played the position of catcher for three (3) innings or less, moves to the pitcher position, and delivers 21 pitches or more in the same day, may not return to the catcher position on that calendar day.

EXCEPTION: If the pitcher reaches the 20-pitch limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch, and maintain their eligibility to return to the catcher position, until any one of the following

conditions occur: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; or (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game.

NOTE: If a pitcher reaches 40 pitches while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch, and maintain their eligibility to play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day, until any one of the following conditions occurs: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; or (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game. The pitcher would be allowed to play the catcher position provided that pitcher is moved, removed, or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter. If a player delivers 41 or more pitches, and is not covered by the threshold exemption, the player may not play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.

Managers- Please review Regulation VI – Pitchers in the Little League Rulebook.

Doubleheaders: Per Rule 4.13 Minors teams shall not be scheduled to play two games in one day, with exceptions for resumed tie games as stated in Rule 4.12. However, note that Regulation VI (k) states that a Minors pitcher may not pitch in more than one game in a day.

Five Run Rule: A five run-rule per half inning is in effect in Minors as defined in Rule 2.00, Definition of Terms, Inning, "...A five-run rule is to be imposed which would complete the half inning".

Fifteen and Ten Run Rule: Please note LLI Rule 4.10 (e) in effect in WSL- If after three (3) innings, two and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of fifteen (15) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede victory to the opponent. If after four (4) innings, three and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede victory to the opponent.

Continuous Batting Order: Minors Division in WSL- uses Continuous Batting Order for regular and tournament games. Continuous Batting Order rules are listed in Rule 4.04 of the Little League Rulebook.

Injured Player Rule: With Continuous Batting Order, per Rule 4.04 Note 2: When a player is injured, becomes ill, or must leave the game site after the start of the game, the team will skip over him/her when his/her time at bat comes up without penalty. If the injured, ill, or absent player returns he/she is merely inserted into their original spot in the batter order and the game continues.

Slug Bunt Rule: WSL- Bylaw: In the interest of safety, WSL- has made slug/fake bunts illegal. A batter who attempts a slug/fake bunt is out for an illegal action.

Pool Players Summary: Full pool player rules are in the Bylaws, important notes: Pool players may not pitch or catch. Pool players are placed at the bottom of the (continuous) batting order.

Minimum Playing Times, Regular Season: West Seattle Little League Bylaws have increased minimum playing times and substitutions are in accordance with Rule 3.03 per the following:

- Increase minimum play to 9 defensive outs minimum.
 - 6 of the 9 defensive outs must be consecutive.
- Both starters and substitutes may re-enter the game on defense
 - Note: A pitcher may not re-enter the game as a pitcher if removed.
- Continuous batting order. All players present at the start of the game will be placed into the batting order. Players showing up late for the game shall be inserted into the bottom of the batting order.

End of Season Tournament: The WSL- Bylaws state the following for the Minors End of Season (EOS) tournament:

- Games are played in accordance with regular season rules.
- Minimum playing time on defense will follow LLI rule 3.03(b). (6 consecutive out minimum)

- Continuous batting order is still in effect for EOS tournament for Minors.
- The league will hold a double elimination end of season tournament to determine the league champions.
- The draw for each tournament will be based on regular season standings. The tournament brackets will be taken from the Little League website.
- Pitch counts, days rest, and 5-run maximum for innings 1 thru 5 for Minors apply for the end of season tournament.
- League Age 11 year olds pitching in the Minors division will be limited to either 35 pitches or 3 consecutive defensive outs, whichever occurs first, per game as in the regular season.
- The winner of the EOS Tournament will represent the League in the District 7 Tournament of Champions. If the winner is unable to field a complete team, then the second place team will become the representative in the Tournament of Champions.