

2021 Little League BB All-Star Tournament Rules / Differences Summary

Updated June 16, 2021

League Age	8/9/10 year old	9/10/11 year old	Little League (10/11/12)	Intermediate (11/12/13)	Juniors (12/13/14)	Seniors (13-16)	
Non-wood Bats	USABat Certification Required			USABat or BBCOR		BBCOR	
Bat Dimensions	Max 33" length/2 5/8" diameter with USA Cert marking. No material composition marking required.			Max 34" length/2 5/8" diameter w/USA Cert mark or BBCOR = 0.50 w/material marking required.		36" length/2 5/8" diam w/BBCOR = 0.50; Material ID/drop -3 markings	
Adults	11 or fewer players: 1 manager and 1 coach. Player must coach one of the bases. 12 or more players: 1 manager and 2 coaches. May use 2 adult base coaches.						
Mandatory Play	13+ players: Minimum of 1 at bat 12 or fewer players: Minimum of 1 at bat and 6 consecutive defensive outs. At-bat is not complete until player is retired, scores, or the inning ends. Substitute entering game for first time may not be removed until this is met. Players at-bat or on the bases cannot be substituted for or removed for a SPR until they complete the at-bat requirements of MPR if they are in their first at-bat.					No Mandatory Play Requirements	
Mandatory Play At Bat Defined	"Bat at least one time" means a player enters the batter's box with no count and completes the time at bat by (1) being retired, (2) being retired as a batter/runner or runner, (3) scoring, (4) being on base or at bat when the half-inning or the game ends OR (5) being called out by an umpire (Batting Out of Turn or Use of Illegal Bat)					No Mandatory Play Requirements	
Mandatory Play Management	After four innings (five in Jr/Sr) , the UIC and Scorekeeper will inform each Manager of any players not yet meeting MPR for that game. Managers must act to enter players before a violation could occur in a regulation, non-shortened game. Failure to comply will result in immediate ejection and suspension as directed by International Tournament Committee.					No Mandatory Play Requirements	
Mandatory Play Conference Directions to Managers	12 or less players	Visitors , enter all required substitutes defensively before the first pitch in the bottom of the 4 th (5th Jr/Sr) inning in batting slots so that all substitutes bat within the next six batters; Home , enter all required substitutes defensively before the first pitch in the top of the 5th (6th Jr/Sr) inning in batting slots so that all substitutes bat within the next three batters				No Mandatory Play Requirements	
	13+ players	Visitors , enter all subs as one of the first 3 batters of 6th (7th Jr/Sr) inning; one at a time, as they come to bat; continue until all players met MPR Home , enter all substitutes as one of the first 3 batters of 5th inning; one at a time, as they come to bat; continue until all players met MPR					
Pitchers	Pitches/Day	8 year-old: 50		9 or 10 year-old: 75		11 or 12 year-old: 85	13 to 16 year old: 95
	Days of Rest	1 – 20 pitches: no rest 21 – 35 pitches: 1 calendar day 36 – 50 pitches, 2 calendar days rest. 51 – 65 pitches, 3 calendar days 66+: 4 calendar days.					1 – 30: no rest; 31 – 45: 1 day; 46 – 60: 2 days; 61 – 75: 3 days; 76+: 4 days.
	Days of Rest Exception (Threshold)	If a Pitcher crosses a Threshold while facing a Batter, the Pitcher may continue until the Batter is retired, reaches base safely or the inning/game ends. If the Pitcher is removed before facing the next Batter, then the lower Days Rest requirement applies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the Batter is replaced during a Pitch Count Exception period, this does NOT count as pitching to another Batter. - If a Pitcher crosses a Threshold while facing a Batter, and the above EXCEPTIONS do NOT apply (Pitcher is injured/ejected), then the ACTUAL Pitch Count determines Days Rest required. 					
	Max Pitches Exception	If a Pitcher reaches the Maximum Pitches allowed per day, the Pitcher may continue until the Batter is retired, reaches base safely or the inning or the game ends. The Pitcher must then be removed					
	Multiple Games	May only pitch in one game per day			If < 31 pitches thrown in first game.		
	Consecutive Games	Pitching in consecutive games is allowed, subject to rest requirements. No pitcher may pitch on three consecutive days, regardless of pitches thrown on two previous days					
	Suspended Game Resumed Next Day	If pitched 20 or fewer pitches, may continue – pitch count starts at zero. If 21-40 pitches, may continue – pitch count picks up from previous game. If 41 or more pitches, not eligible. If another game intervenes, see Rule 4(h) for days of rest required					Same, except 30/60 pitches instead of 20/40 Rule 4(h) – Seniors
	Pitchers Returning to Mound	Not Permitted if removed from the Mound.			If the Pitcher is removed from the Mound and remains in the game defensively, that Pitcher may return once/game		
		Special Case, TR-10 c, Note 2 allows return, if Pitcher has met MPR, was not removed from the Mound and was batted for a player also meeting MPR					TR-10 c, Note 2 does not apply to Seniors
	Catcher -> Pitcher	If a Catcher catches more than three innings, that Player may not Pitch that DAY. One pitch = inning					
	Catcher -> Pitcher -> Catcher	Catch for three innings or less and then pitch 20 or less; return to Catcher is allowed					Same w/30-pitch limit
	Catcher -> Pitcher -> Catcher Exception	When a Pitcher reaches the 20 pitch limit, the Pitcher may continue until that Batter is retired, reaches base safely or the inning/game ends. If then removed, that Player may return as a Catcher					Same w/30-pitch limit
	Pitcher -> Catcher	If a Pitcher delivers more than 40 pitches in a day, then that Player may not Catch that day					
	Pitcher -> Catcher Exception	When a Pitcher reaches the 40-pitch limit, the Pitcher may continue until that Batter is retired, reaches base safely or the inning/game ends. If then removed, that Player may catch that day					
Intentional Walk	At any time , team may request an "unpitched" intentional walk. Remaining pitches, equating to 4 balls, are added to pitch count.			Pitches must be thrown.			

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Player Re-entry	Any player who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game in the SAME position in the batting order. A substitute entering the game for the first time may not be removed prior to completion of his/her mandatory play requirements.					Starters may re-enter to their original spot <u>once</u> . Subs may not re-enter.
Substitutions	Defensive: Must be made as team takes the field, or while team is in the field. Offensive: Must be made as player comes to bat, or while player is on base.					
Substitution/ Re-entry	All changes are straight line. A STARTER may be removed before completing Mandatory Play, but upon re-entry, must meet AB and/or six CONSECUTIVE Defensive Outs. -SEE MADATORY PLAY SECTION ABOVE Any Non-Starting SUB must meet full Mandatory Play before being removed. Multiple substitutions may enter/re-enter on the same line.					Starters/DH may re-enter one time in the same batting slot
Special Case for Visiting Team with 13 or 14 Players	With 13 or 14 eligible players, the Visitors may substitute a Batter for the starting Pitcher in the top of the first inning. The starting Pitcher must face the first Batter later in the first inning (this doesn't violate Rule 3.05 a)					Does not apply
Defensive Conferences	Pitcher must be removed on 3rd visit in inning or 4th visit in game.	Pitcher must be removed from mound on second visit in inning or third visit in game.	Pitcher must be removed from mound on second visit in inning or third visit in game. Each pitcher has his/her own "count" of visits, which resumes if pitcher returns to mound later in the game.			
Mercy Rule	15 runs after 3 innings, 2 ½ if home team is ahead. 10 runs after 4 innings, 3 ½ if home team is ahead.		15 runs after 4 innings, 3 ½ if home team is ahead 10 runs after 5 innings, 4 ½ if home team is ahead			
3rd Strike not Caught	Batter is out	Batter is out if first is occupied with less than two outs. If first is unoccupied or there are two outs, batter becomes runner and defense must put him/her out.				
On-Deck Batters	Not allowed			Allowed		
Illegal Bat	From entering the Batter's Box to next batter entering the Batter's Box->Protest valid. Manager's Option: Take the Out on the Batter or take the Play. MANDATORY: Batter/Manager ejected and lose position of one adult base coach					
Batter's Box	Batters must keep one foot in the batter's box except for certain specified conditions. Penalty: Warning, then strike.					
Special Pinch Runner	Once per inning, no more than twice per game, any player not currently in the batting order may run. A player may only be removed for a special pinch runner once per game. Regular Season Option for Courtesy Runner (Rule 7.14 (b) is NOT Allowed.					
Protests	Playing rule or improper substitution: Must be made before next pitch, play or attempted play. Mandatory play: As soon as the facts become known. Ineligible pitcher or player: As soon as facts become known, but before either teams' next game.					
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	The stealing and relaying of signs to alert the batter of pitch selection and/or location is unsportsmanlike behavior. If, in the judgment of the umpire, this behavior is occurring, both the player and the manager shall be ejected from the game.					
Tiebreaker Rule	Starts in 8 th inning			Starts in 9 th inning		

Point of Interest	Reference (Baseball Rule Book)	Additional Information
Replacement of Players or Adults	Tournament Rules and Guidelines	Replacement of a player or adult is permanent. TDs may authorize temporary replacement of adults for a justifiable reason (on affidavit)
Catcher's Mitt	Rule 1.12; p-92	MUST be a Catcher's Mitt of ANY size and shape to protect the catcher's hand
Unannounced Subs	Rule 3.08 (a), (b); p-109	Actions by LEGAL unannounced subs are legal
Adults Warming Up Pitchers	Rule 3.09; p-109	Nowhere, no how, NOT EVER at or around the game site
Photographers on the Field	Rule 3.15; p-110	Allowed, if approved by the TD; managed by the Crew Chief
Electronic Communication	Rule 3.17; p-110/111	Coaching/scouting from outside sources IS NOT allowed. Pitch Count/Scorekeeping/Rule apps are allowed on field. No digital two-way comms.
Two Base Coaches	Rule 4.05; p-113/114	Base coach positions are MANDATORY; no swapping from first to third during the inning
Actions Required after an Ejection	Rule 4.07; p-114	Immediate departure; be alert for players under 18 YO; may remain in dugout if under adult supervision and under control
Less Than Nine Players	Rule 4.17; p-121; TR-10 a; p-194	Must have nine eligible players to start or continue a Tournament game. Opposing manager selects player for re-entry, if necessary