

CONCORD AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE, INC.

LEAGUE POLICY

Approved January 25, 2007
'AAA' Minor Division Rules

General Rules

Two (2 ½) hour- time limit - No inning shall start after two (2 ½) hours of time have elapsed since the official starting time of the game. It shall be held that an inning starts immediately when the third out is made, or the fifth run is scored, ending the preceding inning. **This rule applies only when a game is scheduled following on the same field on the same day.** It does not apply to the last or only scheduled game of that day. (Note: Time limit is elapsed time from when the game officially began regardless of what time the game was scheduled to begin. Scheduled start time is the time recorded in the official game scorebook as noted by the official scorekeeper by the umpire and the time is kept by the umpire only.)

Stop Play Light

We have also installed a red stop play light at the Olivera Rd. Baseball complex and on the major division scoreboard at the Galindo Mt. Diablo Baseball Complex it is visible from most fields. It is operated by an un-adjustable photocell to determine unsafe light levels. All Play must stop when it lights. **(Please read Little League rules 4.15 (1- 6), 4.12, 5.10 (b- h), 4.11**

Five (5) Run Rule - The fifth run scored before three outs are recorded in any half-inning, except the sixth inning, ends that half-inning. No five run rule will be in effect in the sixth inning or any subsequent inning. (Note: Applies to all innings before the sixth inning regardless of whether game is called due to time limit, darkness, etc.)

Mandatory Play - All players must play a minimum of nine (9) outs on defense per six (6) -inning game and must include at least one (1) at bat. **Free substitutions shall be allowed between innings however player substitutions shall be reported to the official scorekeeper and innings played for each player will be noted in the official scorebook. Post game each manager shall examine the official scorebook and sign the opposing teams score page if in agreement that the opposing team has achieved the minimum play requirements**

Base Coaches

Managers & Coaches must remain inside the dugout when not coaching a base; dugout gate if so equipped must be kept closed & latched.

4.05 - The offensive team shall station two base coaches on the field during its time at bat, one near first base and one near third base. The coaches shall not leave their respective dugouts until the pitcher has completed his/her preparatory pitches to the catcher.

(1) Base coaches shall be eligible players in the uniform of their team; an adult manager and/or coach. Both base coaches may be adult managers or coaches.

(2) Both base coaches may be an adult manager or coach only if there is at least one other adult manager or coach in the dugout.

(3) Base coaches shall remain within the base coaches' boxes at all times, except as provided in Rule 7.11;

(4) Base coaches shall talk to members of their own team only. An offending base coach shall be removed from coach's box.

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Batters

A line-up shall be presented to the home plate umpire prior to the start of the game. All players on the team roster will bat in order. Players coming to the game late will be added to the end of the batting order. **See LL Rule 4.04 On Deck Batters are not permitted on the field or in the caged area next to the bullpen.**

1. Batters shall not fake a bunt, pull back and hit away in the Minor Division. Penalty: Batter shall be called out, whether or not contact was made with the pitch. **(Batter must swing to be called out)**

Note: Home team is always 1st base dugout. This is important. We use this system in every division in the league.

Runners

1. **Base runners leaving early:** - a base runner who leaves a base early, that is prior the ball crossing home plate shall be returned to the base from which they left. If the batter does not strike the pitched ball, the umpire will declare the play dead and send the runner back to the originating base. The result of the pitch will stand as called.

If as a result of the pitch the batter strikes the ball and the ball is in play, the play will be allowed to continue. If the runner is put out as a result of the play the out will stand. If the batter is put out as a result of the play the out will stand and the runner who left early will return to the base of origin. If the pitched ball is put in play and no outs are made the runner who left early will only advance to the base to which they would have been forced as a result of the play.

If the runner who left early reaches home safely that runner will be returned to third base, unless occupied by the batter or other runners that were behind the runner that left early.

A runner who leaves early will only be allowed to score if following runners or the batter score as a result of the play.

2. In case of injury to any runner, the last player listed in the batting order at that time shall be the substitute runner

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Pitchers

1. **Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched a inning.**
2. Pitchers will be removed from pitching after hitting two **(2)** batters in an inning or three **(3)** batters in a game. That player however, can remain in the game at a different position.
3. Pitchers who intentionally pitch at any batter shall be removed from the game immediately and also be suspended from the next game along with the manager.
4. Players who are league-playing age Twelve **(12)** are not allowed to pitch in the Minor Division
5. **1.15 (a)** The pitcher's glove shall be of one solid color other than white or gray, or if multi-colored, white and light gray shall not be included in the colors. **1.15 (C)** No pitcher shall wear sweatbands on his/her wrists.
6. Starting with the 2007 season, pitchers in all divisions of Little League, from age 7 to 18, will have specific limits for each game, based on their age. The number of pitches delivered in a game will determine the amount of rest the player must have before pitching again.

The number of pitches allowable under the new regulation is based on the pitcher's age. Specific rest periods are in place when a pitcher reaches a higher threshold of pitches delivered in a day.

The table below gives an overview of the number of pitches that will be allowed per day for each pitcher in the 'AAA', division of play.

<u>League Playing Age</u>	MAX. Pitches allowed per day
9 & 10 Years old	75
11	85

The rest periods required during the 2007 regular season are listed below.

Pitchers league ages 9 through 11 must adhere to the following **REST** requirements:

If a player pitches:

- **61 or more pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.**
 - **41 - 60 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.**
 - **21 - 40 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.**
 - **1-20 pitches in a day, no calendar day of rest is required before pitching again.**
7. 'AAA' Division pitchers who are league-playing age nine (9) shall only pitch a maximum of three (3) innings per game and six (6) innings per calendar week, (Sunday through Saturday) provided that said pitcher has not exceeded the pitch count and has observed the mandatory pitch count rest requirements between pitching appearances.

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SCOREKEEPING RULE CHANGES FOR 2007

Changes adopted for the 2007 Scorekeeping Rules (located in the publication "What's the Score?"
The text below will be added as Rule 10.22 ...

PITCH COUNT

10.22 – Each pitch delivered to a batter shall be counted. (Exception: A pitch declared "no pitch" will not be charged to that pitcher.)

(a) **The official scorekeeper's record of the pitch count shall be the official record.** In the absence of an official scorekeeper, the record of the person designated by the local league (or tournament director) to count pitches will be the official record.

(b) The pitches may be counted by a person other than the scorekeeper, but the total pitches for each pitcher must be entered in the scorebook, or in a locally produced register for this purpose. The scorebook or register will be used to determine the pitching eligibility in a subsequent game or games.

(c) When requested by the manager, the scorekeeper and any other official(s) involved in tallying the pitch count must provide current information on the pitch count for a pitcher currently in the game.

7. (d) The scorekeeper and any other official(s) involved in tallying the pitch count must inform the umpire-in-chief and manager when the maximum number of pitches has been delivered by a particular pitcher, pursuant to the pitcher's league age. (See Regulation VI.) However, the failure by such officials to notify the umpire-in-chief and manager does not relieve the manager of the responsibility to remove a pitcher when the limit is reached as required in Regulation VI.

(These rules are supplemental to the, Minor and Little League rules published annually by Little League Baseball, Inc.)