

2025 LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT RULES SUMMARY* (red=changes from 2024)						6/8/2025
Divisions	8-10 Baseball	9-11 Baseball	10-12 Major League Baseball	50/70	Junior League Baseball	Senior League Baseball
Manager/Coach	One manager and two coaches permitted regardless of number of players					
Warming up pitcher	Manager/Coach warming up pitcher is not permitted in tournament (even though it was during regular season)					
Mandatory Play Requirement	Replaced with mandatory use of continuous batting order. Free substitution on defense. No minimum defensive play requirement.					No Mandatory Play
Player arriving late	May be inserted at manager's discretion. Must go to end of lineup					Manager discretion (sub)
Player injured/ill/leaves site	Team will skip over spot in batting order w/o penalty; player may subsequently return but must go to original spot in order; if unable to complete a plate appearance next batter resumes count; if unable to finish running the bases, last player who was out takes spot on bases					Does not apply
Batter Box Rule 3(a)	Keep one foot in the box. Exception: on a swing/check swing, forced out by a pitch, attempts a drag bunt, loose ball, when there is a play, time, pitcher leaves the mound, on a three ball pitch that is a strike that the batter thinks it's a ball.					
Penalty	After warning, dead ball, strike to batter			After warning, strike to batter, live ball		
On-Deck Batters	Not allowed			Allowed		
Non Wood Bats	USABat Certification Required			USABat or BBCOR		BBCOR
Illegal Bats	Umpires will not inspect equipment prior to the game. The managers of both teams will confirm with the umpires at the plate meeting that all equipment is proper and legal according to Little League Rules. In all Tournament levels and divisions, the penalty for use of an illegal bat, if discovered before the next player enters the batter's box following the turn at bat of the player who used an illegal bat, is: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The batter is out and runners must return (NOTE: The manager of the defense may advise the plate umpire of a decision to decline this portion of the penalty and accept the play. Such election shall be made immediately at the end of the play)- The manager of the team will be ejected from the game, the batter who violated the rule will be ejected from the game, and the offensive team will lose one eligible adult base coach for the duration of the game.- The offending manager will be removed for the remainder of the International Tournament					
Pitching Threshold	Pitches/Day: Exception: If a pitcher reaches a day(s) 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; (4) the pitcher is removed from the mound prior to the batter completing his/her at-bat. 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.					
Pitching on consecutive days or in consecutive games	Players may pitch if less than (21) pitches were pitched in previous game. Exception: If the previous game was at another level, and the pitcher has received the required number of days rest. Levels are District, Section, State, Region and World Series					Less than (31) (age 15-16)
Pitching in a Resumed Game 9/10, 10/11, LL, Jr	Suspended game resumed the next day: If pitcher 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. (4g)					Same except 30/60 pitches instead of 20/40
4(e)	NOTE: UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL A PLAYER PITCH IN THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE DAYS.					
Pitching in Double Headers	Not Allowed (4f)			Not Allowed	OK if 30 or less pitches were pitched in first game. JR (4f) League Age 12: not allowed	
Pitcher Returning	Pitchers once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers			A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, may return as a pitcher, but only once per game. Must remain in game defensively for this to apply		
15/10/8 Run Rule	15 after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings. No 8-run rule in Tournament play			15 after 4 innings, 10 after 5 innings. No 8-run rule in Tournament play		
Player Re-Entry	Not applicable due to Continuous Batting Order Players may be entered or re-entered defensively at any time					Starters can re-enter once Subs cannot re-enter
Special Pinch Runner	Not allowed due to Continuous Batting Order					1x/inning max, 2x/ game max, player can only be run for 1x/game
Courtesy Runner	With two outs, a courtesy runner may be used for pitcher and/or catcher of record. Runner must be the player in the batting order who made the last out. If running for both pitcher and catcher must be the two players who made outs in the inning, player who made 2nd out goes to lowest numbered base. Allowed even the first time through the order.					Not allowed
3rd Strike Not Caught	Not Allowed	Allowed (3c) & 6.09(b)	Allowed (3c) & 6.09(b)			
Intentional Walk	At any time a team can call time out and request an unpitched intentional walk. For each batter this can only be done once per game. Pitches not pitched are added to the pitch count.					
Protests	Playing Rule: Must be made before the next pitch/play or attempted play. Ineligible Pitcher, Ineligible Player or Mandatory Play: When facts become known to complainant, but before the next game for either team. LL may take action even if there is no protest. Improper Substitution: Protest not resolved before the next pitch or play shall not be considered.					
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, the team manager and those responsible including any player(s) and/or coach(es) shall be warned after the first offense. Those responsible shall be ejected from the game for a team's subsequent offense.					
Visits to Pitcher (7)	2/inning out on 3rd, 3/game, out on 4th	1 per inning out on 2nd, 2 per game, out on 3rd		1 per inning out on 2nd, 2 per game, out on 3rd NOTE: Must make change before talking to any defensive player or it counts as a visit.		
Tie Game (14)	Seventh (7 th) & later Inning place a runner at second base.			Eighth (8 th) & later Inning place a runner at second base		
*This is a summary of the rules only, see the Little League rule book for the complete rule.						CA DISTRICT 35 LITTLE LEAGUE