

2024 Little League Baseball Tournament Rules Summary

	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	USA Bat Certification Required			USA Bat or BBCOR		BBCOR	
Batting Order	Continuous Batting Order shall be used includes all rostered players present at the start fo the game injured or Ill player leaving the game is skipped over w/ NO Penalty Injured or Ill player returning to game is simply inserted in his original spot in the order					9 Man Order (DH Permitted)	
Mandatory Play	OFFENSE: Each player must bat in his/her respective spot in the batting order DEFENSE: No defensive mandatory play requirement - a player may be enetered and/or re-entered defensively in the game at any time					Does Not Apply	
Curfew	Midnight			12:30 AM		1:00 AM	
PITCHERS	Pitches / Day	8 year-olds: 50		9 & 10 year-olds: 75		11 & 12 year-olds: 85	13-16 year-olds: 95
	Days of Rest	1 - 20 pitches: No days of rest required 21 - 35 pitches: 1 calendar day of rest is required 36 - 50 pitches: 2 calendar days of rest is required 51 - 65 pitches: 3 calendar days of rest is required 66 or more pitches: 4 calendar days of rest is required					1 - 30: No rest 31 - 45: 1 day 46 - 60: 2 days 61 - 75: 3 days 76 +: 4 days
	Multi Games	May only pitch in one game per day				Only if < 31 pitches in first game.	
	Consecutive Games	Pitching in consecutive games is allowed, subject to rest requirements. (May not pitch on 3 consecutive days regardless of the circumstances.)					
	Susp. Game Resumed The Next Day	If pitched 20 or fewer pitches, may continue to pitch - Pitch count starts at zero. If pitched 21 - 40 pitches, may continue - Pitch count picks up from previous day. If pitched 41 or more pitches, not eligible. If another game intervenes, see Rule 4(h)					Same except 30/60 pitches instead of 20/40
	Returning to the mound	Pitchers once removed from the mound, may not return as a pitcher.			A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as pitcher, but only one time per game.		
	Catching	A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game can not play catcher for the remainder of that day. A player who has played catcher in four or more innings in a game may not then pitch on that calendar day. Play catcher for < 4 innings then throw 21 or more pitches, can not catch again that day. (31 pitches for SR Division)					
Intentional Walk	Defense may request a "No-Pitch" Intentional Walk - an individual player may only be "NPIW'd" one time per game request prior to or during at bat / may throw 4 balls outside the zone to this batter at another time during the game Number of pitches to reach 4 balls, are added to pitch count.						
Player Re-entry	Continuous Batting Order is required Player may be entered or re-entered defensively at any time				SENIOR DIVISION ONLY: Starters may re-enter once. Substitutes may not re-enter. Any player who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game in the same position in the batting order		
Substitutions	Offensive Substitutions: (Must be made at the time the offensive player has his/her time at bat or is on base. Defensive Substitutions: Must be made while the team is on defense. (Projected substitutions not permitted)						
Defensive Conferences	Pitcher must be removed on 3rd visit in inning or 4th visit in game	Pitcher must be removed from the mound on the 2nd visit in the inning, or the 3rd visit in the game.		SAME AS 9/10/11 YEAR-OLD & LITTLE LEAGUE MAJORS: Each pitcher has his or her own "count" of visits, which resumes if the pitcher returns to the mound later in the game.			
Mercy Rule	15 runs after 3 innings, 2 1/2 if home team is ahead. 10 runs after 4 innings, 3 1/2 is home team is ahead.			15 runs after 4 innings, 3 1/2 if home team is ahead. 10 runs after 5 innings, 4 1/2 if home team is ahead.			
Uncaught 3 rd Strike	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 by rule.			Allowed. Must be in front of their own dugout.			
Illegal Bat	Batter is out (unless defense opts for result of play) - Batter & manager both ejected. - Team will lose 1 adult base coach.						
Batter's Box	Batter must keep one foot in the batter's box except for certain conditions. Penalty: Warning, then strike.						
Courtesy Runner/ Special Pinch Runner	Courtesy Runner: Only for the Pitcher and/or Catcher of record when there are 2 outs. MUST be the player in the batting order that made the last "batted" out There are NO Special Pinch Runners allowed					SPR: only 2 per game but no more than 1 per inning Not in Line-up Only once per runner	
Adults	Max of 3 Coaches/Managers permitted in the dugout regardless of roster size COACHES MAY NOT WARM UP PITCHERS AT ANY TIME						
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 team's 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, the manager and the player(s) shall be warned, then ejected						
Tiebreaker Rule	Starts in the 8th inning.			Starts in the 9th inning.			

This unofficial chart is intended as a quick rules summary of the Little League International tournament rules. It is not a substitute for reading and understanding the tournament rules section of the Official Playing Rules.