2024 Little League Baseball Tournament Rule Summary Updated 24-May-2024

		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 o	r BBCOR	BBCOR	
Mandatory Play			Replaced with manda	tory use of contin	nuous batting order		Does not apply	
No new inning after		Midnight			12:30 AM		1:00AM	
Pitchers	Pitches/Day	8-year-old: 50 9- or 10-year-old: 75 11- or 12-year-ol				13- to 16-yea	r old: 95	
	Rest		1 - 21 - 35 36 - 50 pit 51 - 65 66	ar day ays rest. r days		1 – 30: no rest; 31 – 45: 1 day; 46 – 60: 2 days; 61 – 75: 3 days; 76+: 4 days.		
	Multiple Games		If < 31 pitches thr	own in first game.				
	Consecutive Games	an in the first of the second	t requirements. cumstances.					
	Suspended Game Resumed Next Day	If 21-4	0 pitches, may continu	ue - pitch count pic	e litter veries, see raio 4(1)		Same, except 30/60 pitches instead of 20/40	
	Returning to Mound	Pitchers once rem	Pitchers once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers.			A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to position, can return as a pitcher, but only once		
	Catching	A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot 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 cannot catch again that day. (31 pitches for 15/16 year-old						
	Intentional Walk	Once per batter, team may request an "unpitched" intentional walk. Remaining pitches are added to pitch count.						
Pla	yer Re-entry		Players may be entere	us batting order is r ed or re-entered def			Any player who has been removed for a sub may re-enter in the same position in the batting order.	
Defensive Conferences		Pitcher must be removed on 3rd visit in inning or 4th visit in game.	Pitcher must be i mound on second third visit ir	visit in inning or	Same. Each pite which resumes i	Same. Each pitcher has his/her own "count" of visits, which resumes if pitcher returns to mound later in the game.		
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		8/9/10 year old	9/10/11 year old	Little League (10/11/12)	Juniors (12/13/14)	Seniors (13-16)				
Pitching Distance		35 feet	40 feet		43 fe	eet				
Softballs		11-inch softball 12-inch softball								
Mandatory Play		Replaced by mandatory use of continuous batting order.				Does not apply				
No New Inning After			Midnight		12;30am	1:00am				
Time Limits		If two game	may be imposed on the fi	rst game.						
	Innings	Max 12 per day Max 12 per game			No restrictions					
	Rest	Six or fewer innings in a day – none required Seven or more innings in a day – one calendar day			No rest required					
	Consecutive Games	Allowed	d, subject to rest require	No restrictions						
Pitchers	Consecutive Days		six or fewer innings pitched previous day, or if pitcher of record in continuation of suspended game.			No restrictions				
Ē	Returning to Mound	withdrawn from the ga	rent position and return ime offensively or defen eturn as pitcher later in t	May move to a different position and return once per inning. May be removed from game and return once per inning if return does not violate substitution, charged conference, or mandatory play rule(s).						
	Intentional Walk	Once per batter, team may request an "unpitched" intentional walk.								
Re-Entry		Continuous batting order is required. Players may be entered or re-entered defensively at any time.				Any player who has been removed for a sub may re-enter in the same position in the batting order.				
Defensive Conferences Mercy Rule		Pitcher must be removed on 2nd visit in inning or 3rd visit in game in inning or 4th visit in game.								
		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					
3 rd Strike Not Caught		Batter is out		upied or there are two her out.						
Leaving Early		Pitch reaches batter								
On Deck Batters			wed.							
Illegal Bat		Not allowed. Batter is out (unless defense opts for result of play). Batter and manager both ejected.								
Batter's Box		Batters must keep one foot in the batter's box except for certain specified conditions. Penalty: Warning, then strike.								
Illegal Pitch Penalty		Ball awarded to batter								
Multiple Games/Day		Up to two (2)	ee games in a day							
Special Runner		With two outs, a cou must be	Special pinch runner twice per game							
Adults		One manager and two coaches permitted regardless of number of players								
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.								
	ortsmanlike	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 including any player(s), coach(es), and/or manager shall be ejected from the game for a team's subsequent offense.								
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