



**JC
PARKS**

2022 Little League Baseball League Rules Summary

	9-10 year-olds (Minors)	11-12 year-olds (Majors)	13-14 year-olds (Juniors)
Max innings or time limit (no new inn. after time expires, new inn. begins after 3rd out)	6 or 1:20	6 or 1:30	7 or 1:40
Pitching distance	46	46	60' 6"
Base distance	60	60	90
Max. runs per half inning	*5, last inn. unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Mercy/Run Rules (15 after 3 inn, 10 after 4)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Players on defense	9	9	9
Game ball (2 new/2 used per game, supplied by JC Parks, retrieve foul ball on your side)	High School	High School	High School
Max. # Coaches/Adults in the dugout	3 to 4	3 to 4	3 to 4
Bat the roster & free substitution (optional in league tournament)	Yes	Yes	Yes
**Minimum players needed to start a game	8	8	8
Courtesy runner for pitcher or catcher	No	No	No
Score & standings kept (verify with umpire & scorekeepers each inn.)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Official game if played 3.5 innings if home team leads or 1 hour	Yes	Yes	Yes
League games end in a tie (not in league tournament)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Infield Fly Rule	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lead off base & steal	pitch crosses batter	pitch crosses batter	Any time
Dropped 3rd strike rule	No	Yes	Yes
Balks called	No	Yes	Yes
Pitch limits ages 9-14: Pitches=days rest: 1-20=0, 21-35=1, 36-50=2, 51-65=3, 66+=4	& 75 per day	& 85 per day	& 95 per day
Metal cleats allowed (except on portable mounds)	No	No	Yes
Mandatory slide rule (but if umpire rules malicious, player is out & ejected for the game)	No	No	No
Bats (no max length-weight ratio, but must have stamp, or batter is out.)	USA stamp	USA stamp	USA OR BBCOR stamp
Penalty for leaving base early is move back or lose a base	Yes	Yes	N/A
Advance on Wild-Pitch/ Passed Ball	Yes, 1 base	Yes	Yes
***Bunting allowed	Yes	Yes	Yes
Max. warm-up pitches before inning (Coaches cannot warm-up Pitchers)	8	8	8
On-deck batter allowed (must remain in dugout)	No	No	No
Ejection if display bad sportsmanship (may warn 1st)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Time limit between innings	1 minute	1 minute	1 minute
Remove helmet before return to the dugout is an out (may warn first)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Minimum playing time is 6 consecutive outs on defense & 1 At-Bat or forfeit	Yes	Yes	Yes

*If the home team cannot win the game, due to the max runs per half inning rule, the game is over. We will not play, or let the home team bat, the last half inning.

**If a team only has 8 players or less, they can borrow from another team in the league, but they must bat last, play the outfield, and wear their original team's jersey.

***If a player squares around to bunt, but does not pull the bat back, it is NOT a strike, even on a pitch out of the strike zone.

Players must be in their official Little League Baseball jersey & hat, and wear baseball pants during games.

No protests or appeals.

If not mentioned above, the 2022 Little League Baseball Rulebook App will govern play.