

## Commonly Misunderstood and Misapplied Little League Rules - PA D27 2023 Edition

Rule	Topic	BB	8-10	9-11	LL (10-12)	Intermed (11-13)	Junior (12-14)	Senior (13-16)
		SB	8-10	9-11	LL (10-12)	Junior (12-14)		Senior (13-16)
3.09 Reg XIV(f)	<b>Warming Up Pitchers</b>	Regular Season Games: Managers/Coaches <b>MAY</b> warm-up Pitchers. Oene minute between innings applies. Tournament Games: <b>NO</b> Managers/Coaches may warm-up pitchers.						
1.12 1.17	<b>Catcher Requirements</b>	<b>ALL CATCHERS MUST WEAR DANGLING THROAT GUARD - NO EXCEPTIONS</b> <b>MUST</b> wear helmet/mask/dangler combo when warming up pitchers <b>AND</b> catching infield/outfield practice Baseball: Must use Catcher's Mitt <b>SOFTBALL</b> : Catcher's Mitt <b>NOT</b> required						
1.11(j)	<b>Jewelry</b>	<b>NO</b> jewelry (excpt medical alerts) is allowed; Earrings <b>CANNOT</b> be taped and/or covered with a band-aid. Rubber Band-type bracelets and other non-metal bracelets/necklaces are jewelry - <b>NOT allowed</b>						
1.10	<b>Batting Donuts</b>	<b>NO</b> Batting Donuts. Bat Sleeves are <b>OK</b>						
1.11 (k)	<b>Casts</b>	<b>NO</b> Players, coaches, or umpires with <b>CASTS</b> on field during game. May have cast in dugout.						
1.08	<b>On Deck Batters</b>	<b>NO ON-DECK Batter</b> . Only Lead-Off Hitter outside dugout between innings			Allowed outside Team's, <b>NOT</b> opponent's, dugout			
1.16	<b>Batting Helmets</b>	Helmets Non-Glare Surface. <b>NO</b> Mirror Finish. <b>LL DOES NOT</b> require Facemasks or Chin Straps. No Painted Helmets/Excessive Stickers without written permission by helmet manufacturer. C-Flaps with Manufacturer Letter.						
1.01, T Rule #4	<b>Adults</b>	<b>MAX THREE Adults</b> (Includes Manager, Coaches, Scorekeepers). <b>MUST</b> be approved Adult on roster and/or affidavit. <b>INCLUDES</b> Pre-game warm-ups and during games.						
4.04	<b>Continuous Batting Order</b>	All Players in batting order. Players arriving late, if put into game, placed at end of batting order. If a player leaves/cannot continue, spot in order is skipped ( <b>NOT AN OUT</b> ) If player injured & cannot continue, place next batter in order to bat or last batter out on base for injured player. No Special Pinch Runner if CBO is used.						
7.14	<b>Special Runners</b>	With <b>2 OUTS</b> : Courtesy Runner for Pitcher and/or Catcher of record. Curtesy Runner is Player that made <b>LAST OUT</b> . <b>NO</b> Special Pinch Runner with Continuous Batting Order						Special Pinch Runner OK
Reg IV	<b>Mandatory Play</b>	Regular Season: 6 Defensive Outs & 1 At-Bat. Tournament: <b>NO</b> Defensive Out Requirement						No Mandatory Play
1.15, SB- 8.02(a).2, 1.11(a).3	<b>Pitchers (BB)</b>	Batting Glove under Pitcher's Glove is <b>OK</b> ; <b>NOT</b> white, grey or optic yellow; Pitcher's glove <b>NOT</b> white or grey. Sunglasses are <b>OK</b> . Pitcher's undershirt sleeves, if exposed, <b>NOT</b> white or gray. Neoprene sleeves on pitcher, must be covered by an undershirt. <b>NO</b> sweatbands on either arm. Umpire sole judge if items on pitcher are distracting.						
1.15C, 8.02(a)(2)	<b>Pitchers (SB)</b>	Pitchers Glove (or Batting Glove) <b>CANNOT</b> be nor have ball color of ball. Items may be worn on a pitcher's glove arm (non-pitching arm) so long as a solid, single color: black, white, gray, or uniform color.						
6.05	<b>Throwing the Bat</b>	Throwing the bat (unless intentional) is <b>NEVER AN OUT</b> . Warn player for first offense (not at pre-game conference), then removal for later offenses <u>may</u> warranted. Warnings are per player, <b>NOT</b> a team warning						
7.08(a).3	<b>Must Slide</b>	There is <b>NO MUST SLIDE RULE</b> at ANY Base						
7.08(6)	<b>Overrunning First Base</b>	First base <b>MAY</b> be overrun on a walk. Batter-runner may turn <b>LEFT or RIGHT</b> after overrunning first base. Only if Batter-runner makes an attempt toward 2nd base has he/she lost overrun protection.						
7.08(a).4	<b>Head First Slide</b>	Head First Slides <b>NOT ALLOWED</b> (automatic out) when advancing. Head First Slide <b>IS NOT</b> a trip, stumble, crawl to base, hands touch before feet.				Head First Slides Permitted		
6.08(b)	<b>Pitch Hits Batter</b>	<b>NO</b> rule for number of Batters a Pitcher may hit with pitches to force removal as a pitcher.						
2.0 BALL, STRIKE	<b>Pitches on Ground</b>	Pitches that hit ground <b>ARE NOT</b> dead balls. Batter may swing, hit, foul off, etc. Batter hit by bouncing pitch <b>MAY BE</b> awarded first base (unless batter was swinging).						
6.05(b) 6.09(b)	<b>Uncaught Third Strike</b>	Batter Out	Swinging or Called Strike 3. Less than 2 OUT - Batter <b>OUT IF</b> 1st base is occupied at time of pitch. First Base Unoccupied <b>OR</b> two outs, batter becomes runner and defense must put out.					
2.0 FAIR Territory	<b>Home Plate</b>	Home Plate is <b>FAIR</b> territory. Balls hitting Home Plate <b>ARE NOT</b> Dead.Batter stepping on plate <b>IS NOT</b> automatically out.						
6.06 (c ) (1)	<b>Batters Box</b>	Batter's Box <b>IS NOT</b> a safety zone for batter. Batter must attempt to vacate batter's box to avoid interference with a play. Batter <b>MAY</b> be called out for failure to avoid interference.						
6.02 (c )	<b>Batter/Batter's Box</b>	After entering batter's box, batter must remain in batters box with at least one foot throughout at bat (with exceptions) Penalty: Warn batter, then automatic strike.						
2.0 BUNT	<b>Bunt/Fake Bunt</b>	<b>FAKE BUNT</b> then Swing at Pitch is <b>LEGAL</b> in LLBB/SB						
2.0 BUNT	<b>Bunting</b>	Batter does not pull bat out of strike zone while in bunting position <b>BASEBALL</b> : <b>NOT</b> Automatic Strike <b>SOFTBALL</b> : <b>AUTOMATIC</b> Strike						
2.0 Infield Fly	<b>Infield Fly</b>	Infield Fly Rule applies to <b>ALL</b> LL Baseball & Softball Tournaments						
6.08(a)(2)	<b>Automatic Walks</b>	BB & SB: Automatic Intentional Walk <b>ALLOWED</b> at any time. BB: <b>ADD</b> remaining pitches to Pitch Count. <b>ONLY ONE</b> Automatic Walk per player per game. Walking by throwing pitches is permitted.						
1.10	<b>Bats - Baseball</b>	Non-Wood - USABat Certification Required			Non-Wood - USABat Certification or		BBCOR ONLY	
		Wood Bat OK with proper dimensions/weight.			BBCOR			
1.10	<b>Bats - Softball</b>	Non-wood Bats must be BPF = 1.20. Must be a Softball Bat. Cannot use Baseball Bat						
2.0, 6.08b	<b>Bats - Hands</b>	Hands are <b>NEVER</b> part of Bat						
7.10	<b>Appeals</b>	Live Ball/In Play Appeals <b>ONLY</b> . <b>NO</b> Dead Ball Appeals						
4.19	<b>Protests</b>	Playing Rule or Improper Substitution: <b>BEFORE</b> Next Play or Pitch Ineligible Pitcher or Mandatory Play: <b>BEFORE</b> Umpires leave field Ineligible Player: When facts become known, <b>BEFORE</b> next game						

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