



2017 NNLL MINOR AAA BASEBALL RULES

NOTE: Any rules not specifically addressed below are governed by the 2017 official Little League rules.

Instructional/Competitive Division

- Baseball Fundamentals/Rules/Strategy/Sportsmanship
- Mechanics: Pitching, Throwing, Fielding, Defense/Hitting/Base running
- Outs are recorded / Score is recorded / Standings are recorded
- Maximum of 13 players per team
- Teams must have nine players in attendance at the start of the game. If a player is injured, the team may continue with eight players. Teams may not continue with seven or fewer players.
- Games are regulation 6 innings. No new inning after 2 hours Monday - Friday. No new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes on Saturdays.
- **Sunset policy:** No new inning may begin 10 minutes prior to sunset time posted on NNLL website. All play must stop 10 minutes after posted sunset time. See NNLL website for entire Sunset Policy.
- **There is NO open inning. The game will be played as 6 innings or by time restraints listed above.**
- Once the 3rd out of an inning is recorded, that begins the start of the following inning.
- 10 run rule in effect after 4 innings (3 ½ if home team is leading). **6 run rule in effect after 5 (4 ½ if home team is leading)**
- If the game is called during an incomplete inning, the game ends at the end of the last previous completed inning.
- 3 outs or 5 run max per half inning
- Home team shall use 3rd base dugout and is responsible for field set up; visiting team shall use 1st base dugout and is responsible for clean up after the game.
- Warm-ups: Players shall not warm up on the infield; coaches cannot warm up players once the game starts no exceptions!
- Pre-game infield: 10 minutes for each team; visiting team first, home team second
- Bullpen – Pitcher or player may warm up during the game with **a teammate only** (No parent or coach) however the players must be supervised by the manager, coach or verified league volunteer. Any player in a crouching position must wear full catcher's gear.
- Home team is the official score keeper.
- Scores & pitch counts to be reported immediately following the game via the team sideline email. If you are not getting the result email please notify NNLL BOD Immediately.
- All coaching /instruction must come from dug out or coaches box only. Any coach used as an umpire is strictly that, an umpire.

PITCHING AND HITTING

- Hitting team bats entire lineup in continuous order. All players in attendance will be in lineup.
- Pitch count governed by 2015 official Little League rules
- Pitcher who delivers 41+ pitches cannot play catcher position the remainder of that game
- Player who plays catcher in four or more innings is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day
- **Mandatory Play – Offense:** Each player in the batting order shall be listed in a continuous order, which may not be changed once the game has started. Teams shall exchange lineups prior to the game. Players may change positions on the field, but the batting order shall remain the same. Players arriving late are placed in the last position in the original batting order. If a player leaves a game early their spot is skipped over in the lineup; this does not constitute an automatic out.
- *****NEW RULE FOR 2017***** With 2 outs in an inning, the manager may choose to run for his pitcher or catcher **OF RECORD**. The runner used must be the most recent out. This rule is in place to help with the pace of play.

DEFENSE AND BASERUNNING

- No special pinch runners. Only exception to this is the catcher of record may be run for only when there are two out in the inning. Using the last out as the runner. This is to improve pace of play.
- Free defensive substitutions – All defensive positions except pitcher.
- **Mandatory Play – Defense:** Players shall not sit on the bench for more than one consecutive inning and not more than a total of two innings in a regulation game. Players must play an infield position (P, C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B) for at least one full defensive inning (3 outs or 5 runs). Infield play requirement must be fulfilled before the end of the game, regardless of how many innings will be played in that game. If, in the final inning, a player (or players) is found to have not met the minimum play requirements, that player(s) will immediately assume a position that will fulfill the requirement, and remain in that position until the conclusion of that inning. Note: A player who is absent for part of an inning is considered absent for the full inning. Absences will not be considered as an inning on the bench.
- *****NEW RULE for 2017***** There will be no stealing of home on any pitcher, catcher exchanges including wild pitch, passed ball or throws back to pitcher from the catcher **until Saturday April 29th**. At that point all previously mentioned plays become live.