

2019 ROCKY MOUNT LITTLE LEAGUE MAJOR LEAGUE RULES UMPIRE CHEAT SHEET

PITCHING Rest Days:

0-20 pitches - 0 Calendar Days of Rest

21-35 pitches - 1 Calendar Days of Rest

36-50 pitches - 2 Calendar Days of Rest

51-65 pitches - 3 Calendar Days of Rest

66 or more - 4 Calendar Days of Rest

- Example: Pitch 27 pitches on Monday...Pitcher must rest Tuesday, eligible to Pitch Wednesday)
- Once a pitcher is removed from the mound they cannot return as a pitcher. EXCEPTION - A pitcher may re-enter the game as a pitcher, if withdrawn for a pinch-hitter or pinch-runner, and then returned to the game at the beginning of the next half-inning.
- Pitcher can finish the batter and revert back to any threshold above. Must start the new batter at either 19, 34, 49, or 64 to and then be immediately removed after pitching to that batter or if 3rd out is recorded to end the inning to revert back to the previous pitching threshold.

Pitch Limits:

9-10 Year Olds - 75

11-12 Year Olds – 85

Pitcher may finish the current batter once reaching their pitching limit

Under no circumstances shall a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days

Intentional Walks – manager must request and be granted time by umpire and then inform the umpire of intent to walk the batter; ball is dead and no other runners can advance unless forced by the batter/runner. Four (4) pitches will be added to pitch count.

Mound visits

- (a) A manager or coach may come out once in one inning to visit with the pitcher, but the second time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. Example: If a manager visits Pitcher A once in the first inning, then makes a pitching change in the same inning, Pitcher B would be allowed one visit in that inning before being removed on the second visit.
- (b) A manager or coach may come out twice in one game to visit with the pitcher, but the third time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. Example: If a manager visits Pitcher A twice in the first three innings, then makes a pitching change in the fourth inning, Pitcher B would be allowed two visits in that game before being removed on the third visit, subject to the limits in (a) above.

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- **GAME LENGTH:** 6 innings or 10-run mercy rule after 4 (3½ if home team is winning)
 - **NO BALKS WILL BE CALLED IN MAJOR LEAGUE DIVISION;** Ball is dead and no runners advance. Pitch declared a ball and counts towards pitch count
 - **STEALING 7.13:** Runner can leave the bag once the ball reaches the batter; DELAYED DEAD BALL; runner is not automatically called out
 - **Playing Time/Substitution Rules (3.03)**
 - Mandatory playing time is one (1) at bat and six (6) consecutive defensive outs. This must be met even in shortened games i.e. Mercy Rule (Regulation IV, i, note 2 – page 1). If not met during mercy rule game, there is no disciplinary action on manager; however, the player involved will start the next scheduled game, play any previous requirement not completed, and the requirement for that game before being removed. All other instances are subject to disciplinary action on manager.
 - A player in the starting line-up who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game, **in the SAME position in the batting order**, provided:
 - (a) his or her substitute has completed one time at bat and;

- (b) has played defensively for a minimum of six (6) consecutive outs;
 - (c) A starter and her/his substitute must not be in the line-up at the same time, except as provided in 3.03 Note 3. Once mandatory play is met, a starter and substitute(s) can enter/re-enter for each other as desired but must re-enter in the **SAME** position in the batting order.
- **EXAMPLE:** Player A is a starter and not a pitcher, Player B substitutes into the game for player A. Both players have met mandatory play by completing one (1) time at bat and six (6) consecutive defensive outs and both occupy the same spot in the batting order. In the fifth inning player A becomes a pitcher and is scheduled to bat in the sixth inning, but player B bats for player A. Both players have met mandatory play requirements and player A was not physically replaced on the mound as a pitcher, therefore, player A can return to pitch the sixth inning.
- **SPECIAL PINCH RUNNERS (SPR) 7.14** – these should be specified to the scorekeeper (SPR or substitute)
 - The rule can only be utilized by a team once per inning
 - SPR has to be a player not in the game
 - A particular player can only be run for once in a game
 - **Catcher to Pitcher Rule:** if catcher catches 4 or more innings (1 pitch shall be considered an inning) they cannot pitch in that game
 - **Pitcher to Catcher Rule:** If pitcher pitches 41 or more pitches, they cannot play catcher. **(NEW)** If a pitcher reaches 40 pitches while facing a batter, the pitcher can finish the batter and revert back to 40 pitch threshold for purpose of maintaining eligibility to play position of catcher.
 - Coaches **CANNOT** warm up pitchers or fielders during games. Any player can warm pitcher up as long as they wear a mask (Hint: You can use a current fielder to help speed the games up, then they can go to their position)
 - No headfirst slides (7.07) unless diving back into a bag (ex: rounds 3rd base but dives back into 3rd base is legal...going directly into a bag & sliding headfirst is a delayed dead ball out)
 - **No on deck batters allowed! All players must be behind a fence while in the dugout! Please enforce**
 - ONLY HEAD COACH CAN ADDRESS UMPIRES DURING GAMES; Only 3 total adults allowed in the dugout PERIOD at all times while on offense and defense
 - NO JEWELRY OR NECKLACES ALLOWED!
 - All pitching, defensive, & offensive, changes must be reported to the scorekeepers; please stand by manager and scorekeeper to make sure all changes are made prior to putting ball into play
 - Helmets should be relatively plain; Face mask are allowed, but not required in Major Division
 - Teams will be asked to line-up on 1st or 3rd base line of their dugout side 5 mins prior to all games for Little League pledge; it shall be led by the team listed as HOME on the schedule. Manager/umpire meeting can be conducted at conclusion of the pledge
 - Note to schedule - Home team is listed last and will occupy 3rd base dugout
 - USA Bat standard is in place for the Major League Division