

# 2019 ROCKY MOUNT LITTLE LEAGUE MINOR 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
- 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:

7-8 Year Olds - 50

9-10 Year Olds - 75

11 Year Olds - 85

12 Year Olds - CANNOT PITCH

Pitcher may finish the current batter once reaching their pitching limit

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- **GAME LENGTH:** 6 innings or 10-run mercy rule after 4 (3½ if home team is winning)  
**TIME LIMIT:** Cannot start a new inning after 1 hour & 25 minutes.
  - **3 OUTS OR 5 RUNS WILL END THE INNING (this is for ALL innings)**
  - **NO BALKS OR ILLEGAL PITCHES WILL BE CALLED!** It is a do over for the pitcher
  - **STEALING:** Runner can leave the bag once the ball reaches the batter; it is a **DELAYED DEAD BALL and the runner IS NOT AUTOMATICALLY OUT**
  - **NEW LOCAL RULE (MINOR ONLY) -** Courtesy runner for the catcher is mandatory with 2 outs; **it should be the last batted out**
  - **Catcher to Pitcher Rule:** if catcher catches 4 or more innings they cannot pitch in that game
  - **Pitcher to Catcher Rule (NEW):** If pitcher pitches 41 or more pitches they cannot play catcher; 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.
  - **Playing Time/Substitution Rules (Minor League):** - Any player that sits the bench in an inning must play the field the next inning. All players will be placed in the batting lineup
  - **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 UNLESS DIVING BACK INTO A BAG (EX: ROUNDS 3<sup>RD</sup> BASE BUT DIVES BACK INTO 3<sup>RD</sup> 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!
  - **ONLY HEAD COACH CAN ADDRESS UMPIRES DURING GAMES;** **Only 3 adults total allowed in the dugout PERIOD during games.**
  - **NO JEWELRY OR NECKLACES ALLOWED!**
  - **All pitching, defensive, & offensive, changes must be reported to the scorekeepers or they will not receive their proper playing time at every inning!**
  - **HELMETS MUST BE RELATIVELY PLAIN. FACEMASK ARE ENCOURAGED, BUT NOT REQUIRED IN MINOR LEAGUE DIVISION**
  - **Only USA Bats** allowed in league play
  - Umpires have the authority to restrict manager/coach to the dugout as a discipline procedure. From there it is a zero tolerance. This is not required prior to ejection, but can be used as a tool in assisting with bench decorum.
  - Any issues with fans should be reported to scorekeeper so that a site supervisor can be contacted
  - **Teams will be asked to line-up on 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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