

Commonly Misunderstood and Misapplied Little League Rules - PA D27 2016 Edition

Rule	Topic	9-10	10-11	LL (11-12)	Intermed (11-13)	Junior (12-14)	Senior (13-16)	Big (15-18)	
3.09 Reg XIV(f)	Warming Up Pitchers	ONLY Players may Warm-up Pitchers. NO Adults/coaches warming up pitchers NOT pre-game-NOT in Bullpen-NOT behind dugout-NOT between innings-NOT squatting or standing.							
1.12 1.17	Catcher Requirements	ALL CATCHERS MUST WEAR DANGLING THROAT GUARD - NO EXCEPTIONS MUST wear helmet/mask/dangler combo when warming up pitchers AND catching infield/outfield practice Baseball: Must use Catcher's Mitt SOFTBALL: Catcher's Mitt NOT required Long OR Short Chest Protectors are Acceptable							
1.11(j)	Jewelry	NO jewelry (excpt medical alerts) is allowed; Earrings CANNOT be taped and/or covered with a band-aid. Rubber Band-type bracelets and other non-metal bracelets/necklaces are jewelry - NOT allowed							
	Batting Donuts	NO Batting Donuts. Bat Sleeves are OK							
1.11 (k)	Casts	NO Players, coaches, or umpires with Cast on field during game. May have cast in dugout.							
1.08	On Deck Batters	Not Allowed. Only lead-off hitter is permitted outside dugout between innings			Allowed outside the Team's, NOT opponent's, dugout				
1.16	Batting Helmets	Helmets must have a Non-Glare Surface and CANNOT be Mirror-like in nature. DO NOT require Facemasks or Chin Straps. No Painted Helmets/Excessive Stickers without written permission from helmet manufacturer							
1.01 Tourn Rule #4	Adults	MAXIMUM 3 Adults in Dugout (includes Manager, Coaches, Scorekeepers). Must be approved Adult on the roster and/or affidavit. Includes Pre-game warm-ups and during games.							
Tourn. Rule #9	Tournament Mandatory Play	Determined at the START of the game 13+ players: Minimum of 1 at bat 12 or less: Minimum of 1 at bat AND 6 consecutive defensive outs Substitues entering game for the first time cannot be removed until MP is met.					NO Mandatory Play in Senior or Big League		
7.14	Courtesy Runners	NO Courtesy Runners are allowed. Special Pinch Runner ONCE per inning. Any player not in Batting Order may run. Player can only be removed for a Special Pinch Runner ONCE per game							
1.15, SB-8.02(a),2, 1.11(a),3	Pitchers	Batting Glove under Pitcher's Glove is OK; NOT white, grey or optic yellow; Pitchers glove NOT white, grey (or optic yellow for SB). Sunglasses are OK. The pitcher's undershirt sleeves, if exposed, NOT white or gray. Neoprene sleeves worn by a pitcher, must be covered by an undershirt. NO sweatbands on either arm. Umpire sole judge if items on pitcher are distracting.							
6.05	Throwing the Bat	Throwing the bat (unless intentional) is NOT an OUT. Warn player for first offense, then ejection for later offenses. Warnings are per player, NOT a team warning							
7.08(a),3	Must Slide	There is NO MUST SLIDE RULE at ANY Base							
7.08(6)	Overrunning First Base	First base CAN be overrun on a walk. Batter-runner may turn LEFT or RIGHT after overrunning first base. Only if Batter runner makes an attempt toward 2nd base has he/she lost overun protection.							
7.08(a),4	Head First Slide	Head First Slides are NOT ALLOWED (automatic out) when advancing. Head First Slide IS NOT a trip, stumble, crawl to base, hands touch before feet.			Head First Slides are allowed				
6.08(b)	Batters Hit by Pitch	There is NO rule for the number of Batters a Pitcher may hit with pitches before he/she has to be removed as a pitcher. Intentionally hitting batters is illegal.							
2.0 BALL, STRIKE	Pitches on Ground	Pitches that hit the ground ARE NOT dead balls. Batter may swing, hit, foul off, etc. Batter hit by bouncing pitch IS awarded first base (unless batter was swinging).							
6.05(b), 6.09(b)	Dropped Third Strike	Batter Out	Swinging or Called Strike 3. Batter OUT if 1st base is occupied, at time of pitch, with less than 2 outs. If 1st unoccupied or two outs, batter becomes runner and defense must put out.						
2.0 FAIR Territory	Home Plate	Home Plate is in FAIR territory. Balls hitting the plate ARE NOT Dead. Batter stepping on the plate IS NOT automatically out.							
6.06©.1	Batters Box	The Batter's Box IS NOT a safety zone for the batter. The batter must attempt to vacate the batter's box to avoid interference with a play. Batter MAY be called out for failure to avoid the interference.							
2.0 BUNT	Bunting	It is LEGAL to fake a bunt and then swing at a pitch							
2.0 BUNT	Bunting	If the batter does not pull the bat out of the strike zone while in bunting position BASEBALL: NOT an automatic strike SOFTBALL: AUTOMATIC Strike							
2.0 Infield Fly	Infield Fly	Infield Fly Rule applies to ALL Baseball and Softball Tournaments							
4.03(a), 8.05(k)	Automatic Walks	NO Automatic Intentional Walk. Intentional walks are permitted, but pitcher must deliver pitches to the batter.							
1.10	Bats - Baseball	Non-wood: BPF = 1.15 or less. No SB bats Composite Barrel Bats on LL List		Composite Barrel Bats must be labelled to BBCOR standard		Composite barrels: BBCOR. Wt not less than 3 oz less than bat length			
1.10	Bats - Softball	Non-wood Bats must be BPF = 1.20. Cannot use Baseball Bat							
2.0, 6.08b	Bats - Hands	Hands are NEVER part of the bat.							
7.10	Appeals	Ball must be Live/In Play for an Appeal to be made. NO Dead Ball appeals							
4.19	Protests	Playing Rule or Improper Substitution: BEFORE Next Play or Pitch Ineligible Pitcher or Mandatory Play: BEFORe Umpires leave field Ineligible Player: When facts become known, Before next game							

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