

Baseball Game Rules and Bylaws

-For Majors and Minors-

Game Time:

1. A complete game shall be no less than 3-½ innings.
2. There is a limit of 6 innings for every game. A new inning shall not start after 105 minutes for Minors and after 115 minutes for Majors.
3. If a game is called because of darkness, time, or other reason and a full inning wasn't completed, the official score will go back to the last completed inning.
4. If in the judgment of the umpire, one team is purposely delaying the game in order to reach the time limit and end the game, the umpire shall award the game with another inning if weather and lighting permit.

Game Play Rules:

1. All teams will bat the full roster during league play (no subbing out batters.) No "ON DECK" batters allowed (1.08). ALL players need to play a minimum of 2 defensive innings.
2. If a player leaves or is injured during a game, there are no penalties unless the batting line-up falls below 9; then there will be an out for every time that he/she would have been up in the line-up.
3. Pitchers must be warmed up by a player with proper gear (mask and protective cup) between innings or in the bullpen. Pitchers are allowed 8 warm up pitches (1 minute) between innings.
4. Teams may only play their official roster- UNLESS they fall below 9 players for a game in which case they may use an approved sub from a different division. That sub may not play the positions of: pitcher, catcher, 1st base, or shortstop.
5. Minors only- maximum of 5 runs per inning unless a Home Run is hit over the fence, then all runs score.
6. MERCY RULE- If a team is ahead by 10 runs or more after 4 complete innings or (3-½ if home team is ahead), the official game score and win/loss shall be recorded, but the game shall continue, weather permitting, until 6 innings or the time limit has expired.
7. Follow all pitch count rules on p. 34-35 in the rule book. (Check score books if needed.)
8. There is "No Re-entry" allowed for any pitcher. (3.03)
9. There will be no gentlemen's agreements between coaches to alter rules.
10. Coaches will **not** intimidate, belittle, or talk down to other coaches or umpires.

League Pitching Requirements/Restrictions:

1. A 9-year-old or younger in Minors and an 11-year-old or younger in Majors must pitch at least 3 complete outs or 6 batters (complete at-bats) in every game. It does not matter which innings they pitch in. If a completed game is called in the 4th or later innings because of darkness, time limit, etc. and the younger pitcher did not pitch their required quota, then this team will take a loss.
2. For Minors: An 11-year-old in minors can pitch a *maximum* of 1 inning or 3 outs, whichever comes first, per game. Only one 11-year-old may pitch per game.
3. Pitching bylaws will apply to a player's natural age on the day he pitches.

Ammon Little League

2023 Team Formation Rules

Once a player is drafted to a team, he may return to that team in subsequent years. Or he may choose to redraft in subsequent years.

Team ages:

- Majors division consists of mostly 11- and 12-year-olds but may have some 10-year-olds.
- Minors division consists primarily of 9- and 10-year-olds with some 8-year-olds and some 11-year-olds.
- Player placement will be determined by the draft, coach recommendation, and/or parents' preference.

Maximum/Minimum Players:

- Majors: Maximum of **8** players of any age; Minimum of **3** 11-year-olds and **3** 12-year-olds per team
- Minors: Maximum of **8** players of any age; Minimum of **3** 9-year-olds and **3** 10-year-olds per team
- For the Draft, players "ages" will be based on their league age.

Protected Players:

- Each team can have a maximum of 2 protected players if no existing protected players are on the team. (See exception under "Affiliate Teams"). These players are generally coaches' or assistant coaches' children.
- Siblings may automatically play on the same team.

- Protected Players must be determined BEFORE try-outs.
- Protected player status carries over from year to year (unless a protected player redrafts.)
- Ammon League Pitching Machine Teams- may bring a max of 5 players up to a Minors team (players must have played for that particular coach in our league). Protected players are included in the 5 player allowance.

Affiliate Teams:

- Some teams may choose to have an affiliate team in the other division. They are not required to have the same “team name”.
- Teams are required to play their official roster, even if they have an affiliate team. No “playing up” or “playing down”.
- Protected Player Exception: (For Affiliate Teams) Two protected players from a Minors team may “move up” to their Majors affiliate team in a subsequent year, *even* if that Majors team already has two protected players.