

## 2024 Major League Rules

1. Any player Little League age 12 & Under must try out for Major League and players Little League age 10 may try out for Major League, depending on their skill level. It is recommended that Little League age 10-11 try out for Majors. All Little League age 12 must move up to Majors unless parent request to stay in Minors..

2. All players must come to tryouts. The zipper method will be used to draft players.

3. Minimum play requirements is 6 outs in the field. Continuous batting order will be in place. **Ex.** If 12 players on a roster then all 12 will be in the batting line up. Use free substitution for fielding positions.

4. Pitch rules will follow Williamsport Little League rules:

Calendar days of rest:

- a. Players pitching 1-20 pitches in a game – 0 calendar day rest needed.
- b. Players pitching 21-35 pitches in a game – 1 calendar day rest needed.
- c. Players pitching 36-50 pitches in a game – 2 calendar days rest needed.
- d. Players pitching 51-65 pitches in a game – 3 calendar days rest needed.
- e. Players pitching 66-85 pitches in a game – 4 calendar days of rest needed.

Maximum pitch counts by age:

- a. 10 year old players maximum 75 pitches in a game.
- b. 11 year old players maximum 85 pitches in a game.
- c. If the maximum pitch count is reached, the pitcher may continue to pitch to the current batter. The pitching change is required before the next batter.
- d. Pitcher can't move to catcher position if threw 40 or more pitches but can finish batter if threshold is reached during that batter.
- g. Catcher can't move to pitcher position if caught 1 pitch in their 4th inning of catching.

5. Stealing

- a. All bases can be attempted to steal – including home.

6. There is dropped 3rd strike rule. Upon strike 3 – if the ball eludes the catcher, the batter may attempt to get to first base, unless 1st base is occupied with less than 2 outs. If 2 outs all runners may attempt to advance.

7. Infield Fly is in play.

8. Mercy Rule/Games ending early:

- a. 15 runs after 3 innings of play – if the Home team is winning after the top of the 3rd inning by 15 or more runs the game can be over without the home team batting a 3rd time. If the home team reaches the 15 run mark in the bottom of the 3rd – the game can be over. If the Away team is winning by 15+ at the end of the 3rd inning the game can be over. Game can continue at the discretion of both managers.

b. 10 runs after 4 innings of play - if the Home team is winning after the top of the 4th inning by 10 or more runs the game can be over without the home team batting a 4th time. If the home team reaches the 10 run mark in the bottom of the 4th – the game can be over. If the Away team is winning by 10+ at the end of the 4th inning the game can be over. Game can continue at the discretion of both managers.

c. Daylight/inclement weather – if a game needs to be called due to darkness (discretion of the umpire) or inclement weather 3 innings completed constitutes a complete game i.e. if the home team is winning after the top of the 3rd inning the game would be complete. If an umpire calls a game in the middle of an inning, game would revert back to the last completed inning (pitches thrown in that inning would still count toward the players' pitch count).

9. 9 players will be used in the field at all times.

a. If it is known that a Major League Team will not have 10 players for a game, the Team Manager should contact the NLLL Players Agent to request an additional player. All Players 10 years or older in Minors are eligible for call up.

10. All rules stay the same from January 1st – December 31st of the same calendar year. The rules should be reviewed and updated on a yearly basis.

11. Unless detailed otherwise above, ALL Williamsport Little League Rules pertaining to coaching staff, disciplinary actions and general rules of play will be binding for the Major League.