

2021 Little League Baseball League Rules Summary

PARKS	9-10 year-olds (Minors)	11-12 year-olds (Majors)	13-14 year-olds (Juniors)
Time Limit (minutes). No new inning will start after time has expired.	1:20	1:30	1:40
Pitching Distance (feet/inches)	46	46	60' 6"
Base Distance (feet)	60	60	90
Infield Fly Rule	Yes	Yes	Yes
Players on defense	9	9	9
Max. innings played per game	6	6	7
Lead offs/steal	When pitch crosses the batter	When pitch crosses the batter	Any time
Penalty for leaving base early	move back or lose a base	move back or lose a base	N/A
Advance on Wild-Pitch/ Passed Ball	Yes, but just 1 base.	Yes	Yes
Run on Dropped Third Strike	No	Yes	Yes
Bunting allowed	Yes	Yes	Yes
Max. warm-up pitches before inning (Coaches cannot warm-up Pitchers)	8	8	8
Courtesy runner for pitcher or catcher	No	No	No
On-deck batter allowed (must remain in dugout)	No	No	No
Ejection if display bad sportsmanship (1st time is usually a warning)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Time limit between innings	1 minute	1 minute	1 minute
Balk rule enforced	No	Yes	Yes
Metal spikes allowed	No	No	Yes, except on portable mound.
Remove helmet before you return to the dugout = out (may warn first)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Max. # Coaches/Adults in the dugout	3 to 4	3 to 4	3 to 4
Bat entire roster/continous batting order (except in league tournament)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Free/unlimited substitutions	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tie games	Yes	Yes	Yes
Umpires	2	2	2
Max. runs per half inning	5, excpet last inning is unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Official game after	4 inn. or 3 1/2 if home leads	4 inn. or 3 1/2 if home leads	4 inn. or 3 1/2 if home leads
Mandatory slide rule	No	No	No
Score & standings kept	Yes	Yes	Yes
*Minimum players needed to start a game	8	8	8
Bat Rule (strictly enforced or batter is out)	USA Bat	USA Bat	USA Bat OR BBCOR
Minimum playing time per player or forfeit	6 consecutive outs on defense & 1 At-Bat	6 consecutive outs on defense & 1 At-Bat	6 consecutive outs on defense & 1 At-Bat
Mercy/Run Rules	15 runs after 3 inn., 10 after 4	15 runs after 3 inn., 10 after 4	15 runs after 3 inn., 10 after 4
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Special Jeff City Little League Baseball Rules:

If a player squares around to bunt, but does not pull the bat back, it is NOT a strike, even on a pitch out of the strike zone.

Players must be in their official Little League Baseball jersey & hat, and wear baseball pants during games or their team will receive an automatic out.

No protests. Appeals to the umpire, must come from the Head Coach not Assistant Coaches & must be done before the next pitch.

Note: These are league & league tournament rules. The Little League Baseball 2021 Rulebook will govern play, if not mentioned above.

^{*}If a team only has 8 players or less for a game, they can borrow from another team in the league, but they must bat last, play the outfield, and wear their original team's jersey.