

N.A.B.L. Triple A RULES
(9-10 year olds)

Except for local exceptions as explained below, official Little League rules will be in effect.

Game Length:

Six (6) innings shall constitute a game. No inning will start after one hour and forty-five minutes from the first pitch. The Mercy Rule, is if after 3 complete innings a team is leading by fifteen (15) runs or after 4 completed innings a team is leading by twelve runs (12) or after 5 innings if a team is leading by ten (10) runs the game will be called.

Limitation on Pitching:

Pitchers are limited to 85 pitches per week.

Hit Batters

After the 3rd hit batter in an inning by the same pitcher, or 4th total, a pitcher must be removed from pitching.

Base Stealing

Base stealing shall be permitted in accordance with Little League Rules. No Lead offs until the ball crosses the plate. Players may steal home on a passed ball to the catcher.

Equipment

Metal spikes shall not be permitted. Only 2 ¼ inch bats may be used and must be approved by Little League Baseball of America.

Bases, Pitching and outfield Fence Distance

The distance between the bases shall be at least 60 feet and the pitching distance shall be 46 feet. The pitching mound shall have a pitching plate that is approximately six (6) inches above home plate and the batter's box shall be three (3) feet by five (5) feet.

Re-entry

Starters may re-enter as subs at any spot in the lineup after missing an at-bat; this allows more innings for the first sub and gives the coach flexibility.

Pitcher's Re-Entry: Pitchers taken out will not be allowed to return as pitchers.

Number of Players

Teams must have a min of 7 players to play a game. Team will have a max of 10 players defensively and may bat 10 players. Late arriving players will be inserted at the bottom of the batting order. If the team is on defense with only 8 players, then the player can be inserted immediately. Otherwise they cannot enter until the start of the next inning. Teams with less than 9 players at any time during the game will be required to take an out for the open spot in the batting order for the first time the team bats though that spot in the lineup. In the event that a team chooses to bat 10 players at the start of the game and for some reason a player cannot finish the game, the missing player will be called out the first time they are missed in the batting order.

Play Rule

All players must play 6 outs in the field and bat at least once every game. In the event that a game is called early due to weather or because of a Mercy Rule and a player has not played the required 6 outs/ 1 at bat, the player must start and play at least 4 innings and bat twice at the next game. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a forfeit of the game (10-0).

Infield Fly Rule

Will be used in this league.

Umpires

Umpires will deal with managers ONLY for discussions. Managers will be given one warning for conduct. A second conduct warning will result in the manager being ejected from the game. Protest on a rule book call must be made within 24 hours to league president.

Restrictions

Pitchers will be allowed 5 warm-up pitches per half inning. No team meetings prior to taking the field. Except for coaching a base, managers and coaches must remain in the dugout or outside the field of play. A coach may go to the mound to visit the pitcher a maximum of 2 times in a single inning or a maximum of 3 times a game per pitcher. Thus, a 2nd visit in an inning or 3rd total visit will require the pitcher to be removed.

Sliding

A player must slide or attempt to avoid contact when advancing to the next base when there is a play at the given base. A player is not required to slide if there is not a play at the given base. A fielder may not obstruct the base path if there is no play at the given base. A player may not slide head first unless he is attempting to return back to a base during a pick off.

Final Scores

Winning managers are responsible for sending the final scores/recap to the paper (sports@decaturdailydemocrat.com) and email scores to league president to keep standing during the season. **Please keep good players stats and be honest!** Player stats will be used to announce all star teams and season awards.