

N.A.B.L. ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT RULES

(11-12 year olds)

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

Age Limit

Any player turning 13 years old or older on or before May 1, 2017, is ineligible for this tournament. Player must have played in your league in the 2017 season. (All players must come from the same community league.) Players that may be questionable due to the physical size or abilities need to bring a birth certificate.

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 3 innings pitched per game.

Hit Batters

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

Balk

A balk is an illegal act or movement by the pitcher with a runner or runners on base, entitling all runners to advance one base. Balks will be called during this tournament. One warning per team, per game.

Base Stealing

With extended bases and mounds, base stealing and leadoffs will be used.

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 70 feet and the pitching distance shall be 50 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/Play Rule

Maximum of 15 player roster. Teams may choose to use a continuous batting order (with free defense substitutions) may bat ten hitters by using an Extra Hitter (with free defense substitutions) or simply play with a 9 player batting order (with every player batting at least once and playing 2 outs in the field). Teams must announce lineup choice prior to start of the game and can't change choice during the game. Teams with less than 9 players at any time during the game will be required to take an out for the open spot(s) in the batting order the first time the team bats through that spot in the lineup.

Bunting

There is a no slash rule. A batter cannot square to bunt, then pull back and swing. If this occurs, even if only an unsuccessful attempt, the play is ruled dead and the batter is out (safety rule).

Infield Fly Rule

Will be used in this tournament.

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. Any manager and/or coach who is ejected will be out for the remainder of the tournament

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.

Dropped Third Strike

The dropped third strike rule will be in effect.