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| 1 | Ages | Division | Ages | League Age – See Calculator Below |
| | | AAA Baseball | League Ages 9 and 10 | http://www.littleleague.org/leagueofficers/determine_league_age/league_age_calculator.htm |
| 2 | Number of Players | Division | Defensive Team | Offensive Team |
| | | AAA Baseball | Minimum of (9) | All Players Present for Game |
| 3 | Batting Order | <p>Players shall bat in the order they are listed on the official game card. The game card must be turned in to the Game Umpire before the game begins. A continuous batting order will be used so that all players participate. No player can start a game as the first batter a second time unless all of the players started the game as the first batter. The Line-Up Grid must be exchanged between Managers fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the game. Players arriving after the start of the game will be placed in the next open space on the game card and will bat in that position. The Game Umpire and Opposing Manager must be notified of the new arrival. Players that choose voluntary leave before the end of a game shall have their Manager notify the Game Umpire and Opposing Manager of the exact time that the player must leave, before the game starts. The Player's batting spot becomes blank, shall not be filled by a late arriving player, and shall be skipped over when the batting turn comes. Players with emergency leave from a game shall immediately leave; their batting spot becomes blank and is skipped over when a batting turn comes.</p> | | |
| 4 | Mandatory Courtesy Runners | <p>A Courtesy Runner is Mandatory for an Offensive Player who is on base when (2) are out and is scheduled to be the Catcher for his/her team when the side is retired. For divisions where a (5) run rule applies to retire the side, the Mandatory Courtesy Runner is in effect when there is either (2) outs or (4) runs scored in the half inning. In both situations, (2) outs or (4) runs scored, the Manager of the Offensive Team shall request time be called, and the Game Umpire shall grant time in order to allow the substitution. The Courtesy Runner shall be selected in accordance with MFL Local Rule 7 - Courtesy Runners. PENALTY: The first violation of this rule in a game will result in a Delay of Game warning given to the offending team by the Game Umpire. All subsequent violations will result in the first batter of the inning for the opposing team starting with a 1 Ball and 0 Strike Pitch Count. Based on the judgment of the Game Umpire, if continued violations are deemed intentional to delay the game, the Game Umpire will advise the offending team that his/her team may forfeit the game. In this situation, the game shall continue to completion and the Game Umpire will advise the MFL Umpire-In-Chief who will, with the MFL Executive Board, rule on the forfeit. Violation of the rule is not grounds for protest by the Opposing Team.</p> | | |



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| 5 | Defensive Play and Participation | Limits on Playing the Same Position: There is free substitution of defensive players; no player – (see “Local Rule 17 Pitching” for Pitchers) – may play more than (2) innings at the same position in the same game. Prior to the start of the 5th inning, each player shall play at least (1) inning not in the outfield. Each player must play one (1) inning as an outfielder. A player may move forward once the ball is pitched. Outfielders must be positioned a minimum of 15 feet from the infield outer lip. | | |
| | | No player shall sit out more innings in a game than any of the player’s teammates until all players on the team have sat out the same number of innings. Example 1: Before a player can sit out (2) innings, all players on the team must have sat out (1) inning. Example 2: Before a player can sit out (3) innings, all players on the team must have sat out (2) innings. Predefined participation grids are available from http://www.fallslittleleague.org/. | | |
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| 6 | Exemption from Participation Rules | If any safety concerns or other reasons are brought about by the participation rules as stated in Local Rule 8, only the player's parent(s) may request that their child be exempt from these rules. The request must be made to both the Manager and Division Player Agent by the player's parent(s) before any exemptions are made to the participation requirements as stated. The Division Player Agent will discuss the request with the parent(s) and Manager, then issue a decision based on that discussion. | | |
| 7 | Duration of Game | Division | Innings | Time Limit |
| | | AAA Baseball | (6) Innings | (1.75) Hours |
| | | Game Time Limit Applications: The Game Umpire (Home Plate Umpire) will keep the official time of the game start. Actual start time, Not Scheduled start time determines official game start. The Game Umpire will verify time limit with both Managers at the ground rules discussion. At the actual start of the game, the Game Umpire will announce start time to both Managers and re-verify time limits at same announcement. | | |



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| | | <p>An inning that begins with less than 15 minutes remaining in the time limit will be declared the last inning. At the top half of the last inning, the Game Umpire will announce to both Managers the time limit situation and declare the last inning. Note that the next half inning begins (be it top half or bottom half) immediately when the last out is recorded in the previous half inning. Should the Game Umpire fail to announce or declare a last inning and that inning begins with less than 15 minutes remaining in the time limit, the Game Umpire can at any time after the inning starts, declare the last inning. At the conclusion of the declared last inning the game shall be over, regardless if time remains in the time limit. Games tied when the declared last inning is over will be recognized as 1/2 win and 1/2 loss, not as a suspended game.</p> <p>If an inning is started before time has expired, the inning will be played. If the outcome is a tie, the game will end in a tie. No inning can be started <i>after</i> Time Limit (<i>above</i>). NO EXCEPTIONS.</p> |
| 8 | Declared Last Inning (2017 Season Ending In-House Tournament Only) | <p>Declared Last Inning: A last inning will be declared in these games. Regular season time limits, last inning declaration rule, Local Rule 7 and Inning Run Rule Local Rule 10, applies to all tournament games. The Home Plate Umpire will declare a last inning in the top half of an inning that begins with less than 15 minutes left in the time limit, regardless of the inning. There is no inning run rule for this last inning. If the sixth inning is the declared last inning, no inning run rule applies. The game will be over at the end of the declared last inning, unless tied and every inning thereafter will be declared the last inning until the game ends with a winner. Should the top half of an inning begin with more than 15 minutes remaining in the time limit, by rule the Home Plate Umpire will not declare a last inning and inning run rules apply. Should that same inning take the game past the time limit, the Home Plate Umpire will then declare a last inning and one more inning will be played and no inning run rule applies. The Game will be over at the end of the declared last inning, unless tied and every inning thereafter will be declared a last inning until the game end with a winner. Only Exception in which a Last Inning is Not Declared in Tournament Play: If the sixth inning begins with more than 15 minutes left in the time limit, by rule a last inning is not declared and no inning run rule applies and this will be the last inning of the game, unless tied and every inning thereafter shall be a declared last inning.</p> |
| 9 | Side Retired | (3) outs or (5) Runs, whichever comes first, except in the 6th or declared last inning, when (3) outs are required to retire the side. |
| 10 | Run Rule | If after a game has become a regulation game, one team has a lead of 15 runs or more at the completion of an inning, the Manager of the team with the least runs must concede victory to the opponent. |



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| 11 | Pitching | <p>A pitcher may not pitch more than 75 pitches <u>OR</u> record (6) consecutive outs in a single game. <i>Please note the term "consecutive outs" does not mean if a pitcher records less than (6) outs and the next batter gets on base, the number of outs are reset to (0). The term "consecutive outs" refers to the fact that once a pitcher is removed from the mound, even with less than (6) outs recorded, they cannot go back to the position of pitcher in the same game to finish their remaining outs or their pitch limit is reached.</i></p> <p>Note: The Game Umpire reserves the right to limit the number of pitches between innings should there be, in the judgment of the umpire, a delay in Pitchers or Catchers getting on the field in sufficient time necessary to take warm up pitches.</p> |
| 12 | Forfeits | The game will be forfeited by a team having only (7) players able to take the field at any point in the game. |
| 13 | Stealing | A base runner may not advance to home by a stolen base or may not advance on an overthrow to the pitcher or passed ball by the catcher. |
| 14 | Base Running | If a runner leaves the base before the pitched ball reaches the plate, the pitch shall be declared "no pitch". The team will receive a warning from the Game Umpire and all subsequent runners on that team who leave early will be called out. The ball will be declared dead on such a call and the pitch replayed. |
| 15 | Coaches | <p>Two adult base coaches are allowed.</p> <p>All Coaches of Record for any Team in any Division of the MFLL must wear the MFLL issued Coach's Shirt in order to be on the field. Designated bench parent is not required to wear a MFLL coach's shirt.</p> |



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| 16 | Throwing the Bat | If a player throws the bat, the Game Umpire shall warn the player after the play is completed. Once a player has been warned, that individual shall be called out should their bat be thrown again. The out will be called after the play is completed. With less than two outs prior to the bat being thrown, runners who advanced during the play maintain possession of that base. If the batter makes the 3rd out by throwing the bat, the side is retired and no runners may advance, therefore no runs can score in this situation. |
| 17 | Player Ejections | Rule 4.07 "When a manager, coach, or player is ejected from the game, they shall leave the field immediately and take no further part in that game. They may not sit in the stands and may not be recalled. Any manager, coach, or player ejected from a game is suspended for his or her team's next physically played game." The Menomonee Falls Little League will enforce this National Playing Rule. |