



2017 BB Majors Local Rules

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1	Ages	Division	Ages	League Age – See Calculator Below
		Majors Baseball	League Ages 11 and 12	http://www.littleleague.org/leagueofficers/determine_league_age/league_age_calculator.htm
2	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 last batter in consecutive games. This is to promote a rotational batting order without forcing coaches into fixed positions and encourage fairness of play. 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. Once a player leaves the game for any reason, they may not return to game play. An exception to this rule is in the event that a player is slightly injured, leaves the game, but later is deemed fit to resume play.</p>		
3	Defensive Play and Participation	<p>There is free substitution of defensive players; no player may play more than (3) innings at the same position in the same game. Catcher is considered an infield position. Exception: Pitchers are regulated by pitch count.</p> <p>Prior to the start of the 5th inning, each player shall play at least (1) inning at a position not in the outfield.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Predefined participation grids are available from http://www.fallslittleleague.org/.</p>		



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		<p>Paraphrased from Rule IV, Section (a), last paragraph, page 29 of Official Regulations and Playing Rules: "NOTE: Consistent with a manager's ability to conduct the affairs of his or her team, a manager may remove a player from the team [or, a game], subject to Board of Directors approval...for the current season [or, a game] if the player is repeatedly missing practices or games. If the player is repeatedly missing practices or games, the manager must make the [Division Player Agent and MFLL] Board of Directors aware of the situation immediately."</p>		
4	Exemption from Participation Rules	<p>If any safety concerns or other reasons are brought about by the participation rules as stated in Local Rule 4, 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.</p>		
5	Duration of Game	Division	Innings	Time Limit
		Majors Baseball	(6) Innings	(2.00) Hours <i>Saturday's Only</i>
		<p><i>Game Time Limit Applications:</i> 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. <u>Games on Saturdays will have a time limit of two hours.</u></p>		



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6	Run Rule	If after a game has become a regulation game, one team has a lead of (10) runs or more at the completion of an inning, the Manager of the team with the least runs must concede victory to the opponent.
7	Forfeits	Each team must have (8) players present for normal play of game.
8	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.
19	Coaches	Two adult base coaches are allowed.
		All Coach's of Record for any Team in any Division of the MFL must wear the MFL issued Coach's Shirt in order to be on the field. Designated bench parent is not required to wear a MFL coach's shirt.