

# 2021 Dublin Little League House Rules

| Rule                                                                                             | Tball                     | Rookie                            | Single-A                                | AA                                               | AAA                                     | Majors                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| League ages                                                                                      | 4, 5, 6                   | 6, 7                              | 7, 8                                    | 8, 9, 10                                         | 10, 11                                  | 11, 12                |
| Score recorded during or after the game                                                          | NO                        | NO                                | YES                                     | YES                                              | YES                                     | YES                   |
| No new inning can begin on weekdays after... (b)                                                 | 75 minutes                | 1.5 hours                         | 75 minutes                              | 2 hours                                          | 135 minutes                             | 135 minutes           |
| Hard stop time limit on weekdays at... (b)                                                       | 75 minutes                | 1.5 hours                         | 105 minutes                             | 2.5 hours                                        | 2.5 hours                               | 2.5 hours             |
| No new inning can begin on weekends after... (b)                                                 | 75 minutes                | 2 hours                           | 90 minutes                              | 2 hours                                          | 135 minutes                             | 135 minutes           |
| Hard stop time limit on weekends after... (b)                                                    | 75 minutes                | 2 hours                           | 2 hours                                 | 2.5 hours                                        | 2.5 hours                               | 2.5 hours             |
| Standard innings in a game regulation game                                                       | 6                         | 6                                 | 6                                       | 6                                                | 6                                       | 6                     |
| 5 run rule per inning (e)                                                                        | n/a                       | n/a                               | YES                                     | YES                                              | YES                                     | NO                    |
| 10 run rule after 4 innings                                                                      | n/a                       | n/a                               | YES                                     | YES                                              | YES                                     | NO                    |
| Unlimited runs in the last inning (d)                                                            | n/a                       | n/a                               | NO                                      | YES                                              | YES                                     | YES                   |
| Continuous batting                                                                               | YES                       | YES                               | YES                                     | YES                                              | YES                                     | YES                   |
| Maximum defensive players on the field at a time                                                 | All                       | 10                                | 10                                      | 9                                                | 9                                       | 9                     |
| Minimum players required to start and finish the game                                            | n/a                       | n/a                               | 7                                       | 8                                                | 8                                       | 8                     |
| Mandatory play for each player - 9 defensive outs / 3 innings (a)                                | n/a                       | YES                               | YES                                     | YES                                              | YES                                     | YES                   |
| Mandatory play for each player - 12 defensive outs / 4 innings (a)                               | n/a                       | YES                               | YES                                     | NO                                               | NO                                      | NO                    |
| Mandatory Play - each player must play at least 3 consecutive outs / 1 inning in the infield (a) | n/a                       | YES                               | YES                                     | YES                                              | NO                                      | NO                    |
| Mandatory Play each player must play a minimum of 6 outs / 2 innings in the infield (a)          | n/a                       | YES                               | YES                                     | NO                                               | NO                                      | NO                    |
| Maximum innings a player should play in any position (a)                                         | 2                         | 2                                 | 2                                       | n/a                                              | n/a                                     | n/a                   |
| Maximum a player can pitch                                                                       | n/a                       | n/a                               | 1 inning                                | 3 innings or max avail pitch, whichever is first | max avail pitch count                   | max avail pitch count |
| Pitcher must wear protective helmet                                                              | YES                       | YES                               | YES                                     | NO                                               | NO                                      | NO                    |
| Base stealing Allowed                                                                            | NO                        | NO                                | NO                                      | YES                                              | YES                                     | YES                   |
| Stealing of home allowed                                                                         | NO                        | NO                                | NO                                      | After Spring Break                               | YES                                     | YES                   |
| Bunting allowed                                                                                  | NO                        | NO                                | NO                                      | YES                                              | YES                                     | YES                   |
| Runners can advance on overthrows                                                                | NO                        | 1 base max                        | 1 base max                              | YES                                              | YES                                     | YES                   |
| Maximum swings off tee                                                                           | 7                         | 3 before spring break, none after | NO                                      | NO                                               | NO                                      | NO                    |
| Coach pitch                                                                                      | NO                        | Yes                               | Yes - modified                          | YES                                              | YES                                     | YES                   |
| Maximum Coach pitches                                                                            | n/a                       | 6                                 | * See Single A Pitch Regs               | n/a                                              | n/a                                     | n/a                   |
| Player pitch                                                                                     | NO                        | NO                                | Yes - modified *See Single-A Pitch Regs | YES                                              | YES                                     | YES                   |
| Inning ends after                                                                                | Once thru lineup          | 3 outs or once thru lineup        | 3 outs or 5 runs                        | 3 outs or 5 runs                                 | 3 outs or 5 runs                        | 3 outs                |
| Score kept during games                                                                          | NO                        | NO                                | YES                                     | YES                                              | YES                                     | YES                   |
| Play is dead when...                                                                             | Ball is thrown to pitcher | Ball is thrown to pitcher         | Ball is thrown to pitcher               | Ball is thrown to pitcher                        | Pitcher is on the rubber ready to pitch | none                  |
| Field prep is the responsibility of the...                                                       | Home Team                 | Home Team                         | Home Team                               | Home Team                                        | Home Team                               | Home Team             |
| Scorekeeping is the responsibility of the...                                                     | n/a                       | n/a                               | Home Team                               | Home Team                                        | Home Team                               | Home Team             |
| Pitch Count Log is the responsibility of the...                                                  | n/a                       | n/a                               | n/a                                     | Visiting Team                                    | Visiting Team                           | Visiting Team         |
| Maximum coaches allowed combined on the field and in dugout                                      | 4                         | 4                                 | 4                                       | 3                                                | 3                                       | 3                     |
| Courtesy runner for pitcher or catcher with 2 outs (f)                                           | n/a                       | NO                                | NO                                      | YES                                              | YES                                     | YES                   |
| Dropped 3rd Strike (c)                                                                           | n/a                       | n/a                               | NO                                      | NO                                               | NO                                      | YES                   |

**a. Minimum, Maximum and Mandatory Play Guidelines**

Mandatory Play. A player must play the mandatory amount of defensive outs during a game. If the game is shortened from 6 complete innings, the player must complete their mandatory play before sitting out any innings, but must also complete mandatory play for that game  
 No player shall sit out more than one inning during a game until all other players on the team have sat out at least one inning during the game (except the pitcher, which will sit out their next inning not pitching).

**b. Time limits**

In AAA and Majors, when there is not a following game on the same field on the same day (weeknight games and the final game on Saturday): No hard stop. Continue game to conclusion, or game called.  
 If a game is called due to time limitations (game starting within 15 minutes), darkness or weather, the score shall revert to the score at the end of the most recent completed inning unless the game is called with the home team both at bat and leading the game.

**c. Dropped third strike**

A batter is out when a third strike is not caught by the catcher when 1st base is occupied before two are out. [rule 6.05(b)]

**d. Unlimited runs in the last inning**

The "last inning" must be declared prior to the start of the inning, so that both teams have equal batting opportunities in the final inning. For example, if it appears the game will end in the 5th inning then the managers and umpires should decide before the start of the 5th inning that there is no "maximum number of runs allowed" in the 5th inning.

**e. 5 run rule per inning for innings 1-5**

Each team may score a maximum of 5 runs per inning in innings 1 through 5, unless the umpire has declared one of those innings to be the final inning prior to the start of the inning, in which case it will be unlimited runs.  
 If a player hits a "clean" home run over the outfield fence then all runs scored will count, even if the score goes above 5.

**f. Courtesy runner for pitcher or catcher with 2 outs**

With 2 outs, a pinch runner may be used for the player(s) that will begin the next inning as pitcher and/or catcher in order to allow those players to get ready for the next inning. The pinch runner will be the last player to make an out, whether at bat or on the basepaths.

**- Pitching Rules for Minor A Division**

Until Spring Break, games are coach pitch only. The coach is allowed up to six (6) pitches. There are no called balls or strikes for the coach pitches, however, the batter may strike out swinging. If the batter has not put the ball in play after six (6) coach pitches, the batter is out. If the last pitch is fouled, another pitch is allowed.  
 After the Spring Break, the pitching rules are as follows:  
 - Player pitcher will pitch to the batter until the count reaches three (3) strikes, four (4) balls or the ball is put in play, or the batter is hit by a pitch.  
 - The batter may strike out. If the count reaches four (4) balls, the coach will come out to pitch and will inherit the number of strikes in the count.  
 - If the batter is hit by a player thrown pitch then the coach will automatically come out and finish pitching to the batter, inheriting the number of strikes in the count.  
 - A player may pitch no more than one (1) inning (3 outs) or 35 pitches per game

| League Age | Maximum Pitches Per Day |                           |                        |                          |               |                   |
|------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
|            | March *                 | Rest of the Spring Season | Spring Season Playoffs | Summer Tournament Season | Fall Ball Rec | Fall Ball Academy |
| 11-12      | 60                      | 85                        | 85                     | 85                       | 60            | 85                |
| 9-10       | 53                      | 75                        | 75                     | 75                       | 53            | 75                |
| 7-8        | 35                      | 50                        | 50                     | 50                       | 35            | 50                |

\* Dublin Little League has created a program for limiting the number of pitches that can be thrown during the first month of the Spring Season, and during the fall ball rec season. The table above outlines the pitching limits for the first month of the season. The standard pitch counts, outlined in the Green Book, will apply starting April 1.

| League Age | Maximum Pitches to Play Catcher; Same Day; May only catch up to 3 innings |                           |                        |                            |               |                   |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
|            | March                                                                     | Rest of the Spring Season | Spring Season Playoffs | Summer Tournament Season * | Fall Ball Rec | Fall Ball Academy |
| 11-12      | 30                                                                        | 41                        | 41                     | 41 *                       | 30            | 41                |
| 9-10       | 25                                                                        | 41                        | 41                     | 41 *                       | 25            | 41                |
| 7-8        | 25                                                                        | 41                        | 41                     | 41 *                       | 25            | 41                |

\* Refer to Little League Green Book and local tournament rules for any variations or adjustments to this rule

| Baseball pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements (final pitch count number is the number of the first pitch thrown to the last batter faced): |      |       |       |       |     |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-----|--|
| Pitches                                                                                                                                                                               | 1-20 | 21-35 | 36-50 | 51-65 | 66+ |  |
| Days Rest Required                                                                                                                                                                    | 0    | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4   |  |

| Field Maintenance - see videos and instructions on the Dublin LL website. |                                                                                                                        |
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| Home Team                                                                 | Lightly water dirt, drag dirt, chalk batter's boxes, base lines and coach's boxes. Clean dugout after game and lock up |
| Visiting Team                                                             | Drag field after game, clean dugout after the game and lock up                                                         |