

2024 Dublin Little League Local Rules

| Rule | T-Ball | Rookie | Single A | AA | AAA | Majors |
|--|------------|-----------|------------------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| Typical League ages | 4-5 | 6-7 | 7-9 | 8-10 | 9-11 | 10-12 |
| 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 |
| Maximum innings in a game | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| 5 run rule per inning (e) | n/a | n/a | YES | Yes but 3 runs for first half of season | YES | NO |
| 15 run rule after 3 innings 10 run rule after 4 innings 8 run rule after 5 innings | n/a | n/a | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| Unlimited runs in the last declared inning or 6th inning (d) | n/a | n/a | NO except for playoffs | YES | YES | n/a |
| Continuous batting | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| Maximum defensive players on the field at a time | All | 12 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Minimum players required to start and finish the game | n/a | n/a | 7 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Mandatory Rotation of Batting Order | YES | YES | YES | First half of season only | NO | NO |
| A player may not sit the bench twice until every player has sat on the bench at least once | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| A player may not play the outfield two consecutive innings in a row | YES | YES | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Mandatory play for each player - 9 defensive outs / 3 innings (a) | n/a | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| Mandatory Play - each player must play at least 3 consecutive outs / 1 inning in the infield (a) | n/a | YES | YES | YES | YES | NO |
| Mandatory Play each player must play a minimum of 6 outs / 2 innings in the infield (a) | n/a | YES | YES | First half of season only | 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 | n/a | 3 innings or max avail pitch, whichever is first | 3 innings or max avail pitch, whichever is first | max avail pitch count |
| Pitcher must wear protective helmet | YES | YES | YES | NO | NO | NO |
| Base stealing Allowed | NO | NO | NO | YES | YES | YES |

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| Stealing of home allowed | NO | NO | NO | Second Half of Season | 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 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Coach pitch | NO | Yes | Yes - modified | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Maximum Coach pitches | n/a | 6 | * See Single A Pitch Regs | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Player pitch | NO | NO | NO | YES | YES | YES |
| Inning ends after | Once thru lineup | 3 outs or once thru lineup | 3 outs or 5 runs | 3 outs or run limit | 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 | Pitcher has ball near pitcher mound | Pitcher is on the rubber ready to pitch | none |
| Games count for playoff standings... | n/a | n/a | NO | Second Half of Season | YES | YES |
| Field prep is the responsibility of the... | Home Team | Home Team | Home Team | Home Team | Home Team | Home Team |
| Post Game Field Prep is the responsibility of the | Visiting Team | Visiting Team | Visiting Team | Visiting Team | Visiting Team | Visiting 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 |
| Game Coordinator 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 | Second Half of Season | 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, 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. (Does not pertain to Minor A except in playoffs)

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.

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

* 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 | | | | |
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| | March | Rest of the Spring Season | Spring Season Playoffs | Summer Tournament Season * | Fall Ball Rec |
| 11-12 | 30 | 40 | 40 | 40 * | 30 |
| 9-10 | 25 | 40 | 40 | 40 * | 25 |
| 7-8 | 25 | 40 | 40 | 40 * | 25 |

*If a Catcher goes to pitcher and throws more than 20 pitches, he may not return to catcher that calendar day(Regulation VI. b)

* 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 |