



Rules Quick Reference Guide

This does not substitute reading and understanding the Little League Green Book and the HTRBA Handbook. This is just to help with commonly misunderstood rules.

General

- Minors must have 8 players to start. Majors must have 9.
- Shirts must be tucked in.
- Inning begins upon third out of previous inning.
- Minors – inning ends with three outs, five runs, or when all players have batted in an inning.
- All protests must be resolved prior to next pitch. Only rule interpretations can be protested.
- No jewelry of any kind can be worn on the field. Taping down or over jewelry is not acceptable. Medical jewelry is allowed but must be secured in some manner.
- Catcher must have dangling throat guard and extended chest protector.
- Catcher must wear a mask while warming up a pitcher.

Pitching

- A pitcher can finish the batter when going past a threshold.
- Once a pitcher throws 41 pitches, he can no longer catch (threshold does not apply)
- Once a player catches in 4 innings, he can no longer pitch. (One pitch = inning)
- A manager or coach may not visit the mound three times during the same batter
- "2/3/4 Rule" A manager or coach may visit the mound two times per inning per pitcher. The third visit in an inning must result in the pitcher being removed. A manager or coach may visit a pitcher three times per game per pitcher. The fourth visit must result in a pitching change.
- If time is granted to consult with any defensive player, a visit to the mound shall be charged

Age	Max per day	no rest	1 day rest	2 days rest	3 days rest	4 days rest
12	85	0-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66 and up
11	85	0-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66 and up
10	75	0-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66 and up
9	75	0-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66 and up
8	50	0-20	21-35	36-50	N/A	N/A
7	50	0-20	21-35	36-50	N/A	N/A

Hitting / Base Running

- No on deck position. Players should not hold a bat until going to the plate to hit.
- Only the first batter of the inning can take practice swings on the field between innings.
- Helmets must be worn by offensive players at all times (getting a bat, running off the field)
- No slash swings (square to bunt then swing away). Penalty = batter out
- A batter leaving the box early is NOT an automatic strike. The pitch should be called ball or strike as appropriate. 6.01(b)
- When two runners occupy the same base, the following runner must be tagged for it to be an out.
- A runner establishes his own baseline. That means the baseline is a direct line from the runner to the base, not from base to base.
- When running through first base, it doesn't matter which way a runner turns to go back to the base. If the runner makes ANY deliberate move toward second, he can be tagged out. This includes after a base on balls.
- 7.08(a)(3) A runner is out when – the runner does not slide or attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make a tag.
- 7.09(h) It is interference and the runner is out when – in the judgment of the umpire the base coach at third base, or first base, by touching or holding the runner, physically assists that runner returning to or leaving third base or first base.
- 7.13 When a pitcher is in contact with the pitcher's plate and in possession of the ball and the catcher is in the catcher's box and ready to receive delivery of the ball, base runners shall not leave their bases until the ball has been delivered and has reached the batter.
- Throwing a bat cannot be called an out.