

Baseball Minors Fall Rules Summary

All rules not referenced in this summary follow the 2023 Little League Baseball Rulebook

Time Limit (Regular Season): No new inning will start after one hour and forty-five minutes. All regular season games will have a two-hour drop dead time limit.

Batting Lineup: Continuous batting lineup will be used.

Minimum Play: Must play defensively at least every other inning. All players must sit out once before anyone sits out twice (does not apply to starting pitcher and catcher until removed from that position). All players must play at least 1 inning of infield per game.

Pitching Limits: All standard Little League pitch count rules apply. In addition, no pitcher may pitch more than 2 innings in a single game.

Run Limits: A half inning will be complete when 5 runs are scored or 3 outs are made, whichever occurs first.

Number of Players: A game may start or continue with only 8 players. When the 9th position comes up in the batting order, the position is skipped without penalty as long as it is vacated.

Courtesy Runner: A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher or catcher of record when there are two outs. The courtesy runner is the player in the lineup who made the last out.

Stealing: There is no stealing the first two games of the fall season. There will be no stealing of home for the entire fall season. "Stealing" includes running on passed balls and wild pitches.

After 2 walks/HBP in each inning: After two batters in the same inning walk and/or are hit by pitch, a coach from the batting team will come in to finish at-bats using the following process:

- For each subsequent batter that receives 4 balls, they will not get a free base.
- The count will be reset to 0 balls and 1 strike.
- A coach from the batting team will come to the mound and throw from ~35 feet.
- The batter may not walk but they **CAN** strike out by coach pitch.
- The pitcher will stand even with the rubber but slightly to the side so that they can see the batter and be in a proper defensive position.

After 4 walks/HBP in each inning: If the coach is called in to pitch to 2 more batters in the same inning, the coach will then finish out the inning by pitching to the remaining batters until 5 runs are scored or 3 outs are made.