



Kid Pitch 9 AA

SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

These supplemental rules are to be used in conjunction with the Little League® Rule Book and are meant to supplement and/or clarify rules for the regular season and end of season tournament. Please refer to the Little League® Rule Book for complete rules.

Length of Games

1. Games shall last 1 hour & 45 minutes or 6 innings, whichever comes first. No inning shall start after 1 hour & 45 minutes. Innings started prior to the 1 hour & 45-minute mark shall be completed. An inning officially begins at the completion of the previous inning.
2. No inning shall start after 10:00pm.

Managers & Coaches

1. All volunteers on the field/in the dugout must have a valid Volunteer Badge
2. **One (1) Manager & Three (3) Coaches permitted.** Coaches may not interfere with a play in progress.
3. A Manager or Coach of the offense shall be designated as the Coach Pitcher. The offensive coach pitcher shall have one foot inside the pitching circle.
4. Coach Pitcher must make every attempt to vacate the field of play immediately once the ball has been put in play. If the Coach pitcher intentionally interferes with a batted ball, the batter will be called out. If unintentional contact is made by the Coach Pitcher, the ball is dead and all runner's advance one base if forced. This will be an umpire's judgement call.
5. One adult must remain in the dugout at all times to supervise players
6. Base coaches shall be situated in foul territory within the base coach's box when their team is on offense. Coaches must vacate the box to provide ample room for a fielder attempting to field a batted or thrown ball.
7. When not in the coach's box, managers and coaches shall remain within one (1) arm's length of the dugout.
8. Only Manager may confer with the umpire
9. **Managers or coaches are permitted to warm up a pitcher at home plate or in the bullpen or elsewhere at any time.**

General Rules

1. Two (2) Umpires shall be provided.
2. Infield Fly Rule **IS** in effect.
3. No Lead Offs or Balks.
4. No headfirst slides.
5. The batter is out whether or not strike three is caught by the catcher.
6. On deck batters are not permitted.
7. Uniformed players wearing a mask and protective cup may warm up pitchers.

8. Courtesy running for the pitcher and/or catcher is permitted. The courtesy runner shall be the last out made in the inning.

9. **Blended kid pitch (no walks will be issued).**

- Upon reaching 4 balls, the hitting team will bring out a coach pitcher, who shall have one foot inside the pitching circle. The kid pitcher will remain in contact with the pitching plate. The batter's count will reset to a 0- 1 count and the batter will get two pitches to put the ball in play. Batter will be awarded 1st base if hit by pitch from player pitcher or catcher interferes with swing.

- If the batter is hit by a pitch from the coach pitcher, it will result in 1 of the coach pitcher's 2 pitches and the batter is not awarded 1st base.

- If the second pitch is fouled off the batter can keep fouling the ball off until:

- the ball is put in play

- swing and miss, or

- the batter does not swing. If the batter fails to swing at the second coach pitch, the batter will be called out.

10. Pitching limits and days of rest shall not be broken for any reason including any rule governing double-headers and suspended games.

11. Bunting is permitted, but fake bunts/slap swings are NOT permitted for safety reasons. A batter that squares to bunt and then swings away, will be called "out" immediately. A fake bunt/slap swing will result in the removal of the manager for the remainder of the game.

12. **Only once per game can you intentionally walk the same batter.**

13. Protests are permitted. (4.19)

Number of Players

Teams must start with a minimum of nine (9) players [eight (8) players in the fall] and maintain a minimum of nine (9) players for the duration of the game. Dropping below nine (9) players [eight (8) players in the fall] at any time during the game shall constitute a forfeit.

Closed Base Division

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 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.

If the lead runner is not advancing, time may be called at the umpire's discretion.

Stealing Bases

1. **Stealing any base is permitted, including home when kid pitcher is on the mound. Baserunners can attempt to steal once the ball has crossed home plate. Base runners may advance after stealing a base to the next base at their own risk (i.e., on an errant throw). No stealing when coach pitcher is on the mound.**

Run Rules & Limits

1. Each team is permitted a maximum of 5 runs per inning before three outs for first 5 innings. If game advances to the 6th inning, each team is permitted to score up to 10 runs.
2. The 15 run rule (after 3rd inning) and 10 run rule (after 4th inning) is in effect.

Intentional Walks

The manager of the defense may elect to intentionally walk a batter by being granted "time" and announcing such decision to the home plate umpire prior to a pitch being delivered to the batter. At such time the batter shall be granted first base and four (4) pitches shall be added to the pitch count.

Player Pitch Guidelines

Daily Limits

Any player on a regular season team may pitch. The manager must remove the pitcher from the position of pitcher when the limit of daily pitches has been reached.

Threshold Exceptions for Pitchers

If a pitcher reaches any limit imposed in Daily Pitching Limits, Required Days Rest, or Pitchers moving to Catcher, the pitcher may continue to pitch, without penalty, until:

1. That current batter reaches base; or
2. That current batter is retired; or
3. The third out is made to end the half inning.

Pitchers Moving to Catcher:

1. Any player that has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day. A pitch caught in any inning after the umpire declares “play” shall constitute as an entire inning for purposes of this rule. There is no “threshold” exception to this rule.
2. Any pitcher that delivers forty-one (41) or more pitches shall not play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.

Required Days Rest

Pitchers are required to observe the required days rest as shown below. The rest period shall begin at the stroke of midnight after the pitcher’s outing (i.e., the following day) and shall last for the number of twenty-four (24) hour periods (days), each beginning at midnight on consecutive calendar days.

League Age 14 and Under		League Age 15-16	
Number of Pitches	Required Days Rest	Number of Pitches	Required Days Rest
66+	4	76+	4
51-65	3	61-75	3
36-50	2	46-60	2
21-35	1	31-35	1
1-20	0	1-30	0

Notes:

1. Under no circumstance shall a pitcher pitch in three (3) consecutive days.
2. A player may not pitch in more than one (1) game in a calendar day.

Removing the Pitcher from the mound

A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return to the position of pitcher.

Ejections

1. Any manager, coach, player, or spectator ejected from a game must leave the game site immediately (this includes the parking lot) for the duration of the game. They may not sit in the stands or be recalled.
2. Any ejected manager, coach, player or spectator may neither be present for his/her team's next physically played game, including pre- and post-game activities, nor are they allowed to be in the parking lot except for dropping off/picking up players.
 - For purposes of this rule, if the next scheduled game cannot be physically played due to the inability of either team to field nine (9) players, and is scored as an official game due to forfeit, it shall be considered a physically played game.
3. A manager or coach ejected from the game may not be replaced by another volunteer in the same game in which the ejection occurred.
 - Exception: one (1) adult must remain in the dugout at all times. If all adults have been ejected from the field of play, game will be stopped and reviewed by the competition committee.
4. The team may provide other eligible volunteers to fulfill managing or coaching duties at the next scheduled game when a coach or manager is serving his/her additional game suspension.