

# 2024 Fall Ball

## Inter-League Rules

Inter-league Rules: All divisions unless noted

In placing players on teams, in divisions, players will be placed in the division they will be playing in Spring 2025.

**Farm, Minors and Majors:** No new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes

**Saturday games will have a drop dead time of 2 hours**

**Juniors:** No new inning after 2 hours 20 minutes

**Saturday games will have a drop dead time of 2 hours 30 minutes**

**All weekday games will begin at 5:30pm. Some may start at 5:00**

Regular season Blue Book rules apply except when supplemental rules come in to play.

**Team Snack Bar Shifts** - All Away teams will be responsible for providing 1 person above the age of 16 for the snack bar. Snack Bar shifts are to start no later than 30 minutes before game start time. Shifts may extend up to 30 minutes past the end of the games for weekdays and last games on Saturdays. (Providing snack bar help is a non-negotiable and games will be held until a volunteer is provided.)

**Home Team** will be responsible for setting up and grooming the field before the game.

**Home Team** will be responsible to providing a score keeper.

**Away Team** is responsible for taking down and grooming the field after the game.

**Both Teams and Fans** are responsible for cleaning up trash from their dugouts and stands after each game.

**50% Minimum play rule for all Divisions.**

**Major/Minor A/Farm/Rookie (Coach Pitch) Divisions** - No player shall play more than 2 innings in the same position. **This includes the pitcher and catcher position.**

**Junior Division** - No player shall play more than 3 innings in the same position. **The catcher position is the only exemption.**

**Five Run Rule for All Divisions of Play** – In the event that the fifth run comes across the plate during a play, the play may be continued until its end, but no further runs shall be counted.

**\*Continuous batting order is in effect on all fields\***

**Minor and Major divisions will be using 10 run rule (after 4 innings). No 15 run rule in effect.**

**Junior division will be using 10 run rule (after 5 innings). No 15 run rule in effect.**

**-No intentional walks in all divisions. (Fall Ball is intended for player development)**

**-In the spirit of developmental baseball, 9 players is not required by both teams to facilitate play. Managers are encouraged to utilize their own leagues pool player process or share players in the field.**

### **Pitching restrictions**

Pitch count **is** in effect for all player pitch divisions, **pitch count sheets are always to be used** during games. See Blue Book for total pitch count and days of rest.

Farm – no league age 10 years may pitch in the farm

Minors –no league age 11 years may pitch in the minors

Majors – no league age 13 years may pitch in the majors

Juniors – no league age 15 years may pitch in the juniors

**Farm, Minor and Major divisions must switch pitchers after 2 innings or 6 consecutive outs**

**Juniors must switch pitchers after 3 innings or 9 consecutive outs**

### **Bat Rules-**

**Rule 1.10** The bat must be a baseball bat which meets the USA Baseball Bat standard (USABat) as adopted by Little League. It shall be a smooth, rounded stick, and made of wood or of material and color tested and proved acceptable to the USA Baseball Bat standard (USABat).

Beginning with the 2018 season, non-wood and laminated bats used in the Little League (Majors) and below, Intermediate (50-70) Division, Junior League divisions, and Challenger division shall bear the USA Baseball logo signifying that the bat meets the USABat – USA Baseball's Youth Bat Performance Standard. All BPF – 1.15 bats will be prohibited beginning with the 2018 season. Additionally, starting in 2018, the bat diameter shall not exceed 2 $\frac{5}{8}$  inches for these divisions of play. Bats meeting the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) standard may also be used in the Intermediate (50-70) Division and Junior League divisions. Additional information is available at [LittleLeague.org/batinfo](http://LittleLeague.org/batinfo).

### **Little League (Majors) and below**

It shall not be more than 33 inches in length; nor more than 2 $\frac{5}{8}$  inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed sixteen (16) inches from the small end.

**NOTE 1:** Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.

### **Junior League**

It shall not be more than 34" inches in length; nor more than 2 $\frac{5}{8}$  inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed eighteen (18) inches from the small end.

**NOTE 1:** Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.

**NOTE 2:** Also, permitted for the Intermediate (50-70) Division and Junior League Division are bats meeting the BBCOR performance standard, and so labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color. Aluminum/alloy and composite bats shall be marked as to their material makeup being aluminum/alloy or composite. This marking shall be silkscreen or other permanent certification mark, a minimum of one-half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color.

### **Farm Division:**

## **2024 Farm Rules**

- 5 run rule per inning**
- No new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes**
- No bunting**
- Continuous batting order must be used.**

### **Pitching**

- There are no walks. (kid or coach pitch)**
- Player pitch count must be kept each game. (See 2024 Little League Rules book for days rest)**
- If no hit or out after 5 kid pitches, player pitcher strikes carry over to coach pitches**  
**(ex. 0 player strike thrown = 3 coach pitches, 1 player strike = 2 coach pitches, 2 player strikes = 1 coach pitch)**

### **Stealing**

- Player can still 1 base at a time. (first base to second base or second base to third base)**
  - No stealing of home**
  - In order to steal:**
    - 1. Clean catch by catcher.**
    - 2. Ball falls within arms reach of catcher while catcher is in the squat.**
  - No advancing on base path on pass balls or overthrows**
- All rules apply from 2024 Little League Rules book.**

## **2024 Coach Pitch/Rookie Division Rules**

- 5 runs or 3 outs per inning**
- No new inning after 50 minutes, drop dead at 1 hour 15 minutes (Coach's can determine shorter game time if necessary)**
- No bunting**
- Continuous batting order to be used. (Please try and rotate batting order)**
- A solid base hit (not an error) can be stretched into a double (coach's discretion)**
- No advancing on overthrows**

### **Pitching**

- Coach pitch only**
- No walks**
- Each player gets 5 pitches max to hit and get on base or make an out. If player fouls off the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch, they can receive an additional pitch. If player does not hit a ball in play after 5<sup>th</sup> pitch, player is out.**

### **Stealing**

- No stealing**

See supplemental rules.

**Rookie/Coach Pitch only:**

See supplemental rules.

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Number of teams are set once the season has begun. Once the season has begun no new teams may be added by any league. Each leagues representative will maintain active rosters of all the teams regardless of league to ensure fairness. Final Rosters are required to be emailed by September 30, 2023.

**Sportsmanship and courtesy is MANDATORY. THERE WIL BE ZERO TOLERANCE OF UMPIRE ABUSE BY MANAGERS, COACHES, PLAYERS or SPECTATORS. Any instances of this happening may result in suspension for the remainder of the season.**