

## Little League Major

## Annexure D

Game Duration	105 minutes; or 6 Innings
Inning Changeover	See Rules 9.3 & 9.4 (penalties apply for delaying changeover)
Game End	Rule 8.2 (10 minutes innings start) applies
Base Path	60 feet (18.29m)
Pitching Distance	46 feet (14.02m)
Baseball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regulation Baseball (Leather or All Weather).</li><li>• Home Team supplies 2 new baseballs at the start of the game.</li><li>• Both teams can supplement the game balls during the game of an acceptable condition to the umpire.</li></ul>

### **Bat**

***Only USA Baseball Marking, not larger than 2 5/8 inch barrel (Logo displayed).***



Mercy Rule	Yes – 3 ½ innings.
Max Runs per Innings	6
Coaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coaches are not permitted on the field during play;</li><li>• Coaches are to wear a protective skull cap and remain in the coach's boxes during their team's at-bat</li></ul>
Pitching Count Maximum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maximum of 50 pitches or 6 consecutive outs (whichever comes first);</li><li>• Can finish the batter in the box (except where pitch/catch is used).</li></ul>

- Catching
- Maximum of 3 innings;
  - Catcher speed up rule applies.
- Pitching & Catching in Same Game
- Pitch count maximum is 25;
  - Hard finish. Cannot finish the batter in the box;
  - Can catch a maximum of 6 consecutive outs;
  - Can Pitch/Catch or Catch/Pitch.
- Pitching
- The pitcher must have their foot wholly in contact with the front of the pitching plate;
  - Fastballs and Change-ups only permitted;
  - No Balk Rule.  
(Note. Coaches and Umpires are encouraged to educate the pitchers on the balk rule.)
- On Deck Batter
- Yes
  - Must be in a defined area outside of the field of play;
  - The 'On Deck' area must be:
    1. Close to the dugout;
    2. Clearly defined with wickets hat, chalk marking or the like;
    3. Must be large enough area to conduct the 'On Deck' swings.
  - Under the direct control of a coach, manager or competent adult associated with the team;
  - Batter must be wearing a helmet;
  - Only one 'on deck' batter, all other players must be inside the dugout;
  - All spectators are to remain a safe distance from the 'on deck' area.
- Team
- All innings will end after three (3) outs are made or the maximum runs per innings are reached.
  - Fielding positions may be changed during an innings after "time" is granted by the umpire.
- Batting
- The Batter will remain in the dugout or 'On Deck' Area until the Umpire calls "Batter Up."
  - Normal Rules of Baseball apply to batter entering the batter's box;
  - Infield Fly rule applies

## Runner

- When the pitcher has the ball and is in contact with the pitcher's plate and the catcher is ready to receive the pitch, all runners will remain in contact with the base until the ball is hit or the ball reaches home plate;
- Umpire will ensure all runners are in contact with their base before calling play;
- Umpires will call "Left Early", if a runner does so and let the play continue, The Umpire will do the following:
  1. "Time" is called;
  2. If the batter has hit the ball, and no Out(s) are recorded, all runner(s) return to the base(s) legally occupied before the pitch; a strike will be called on the batter, who returns to complete the at bat. If it is the third strike, the batter is out.
  3. If the pitch is fouled, normal rules of baseball apply with no other penalty;
  4. If Out(s) result, they will stand and play continues;
  5. If ball 4 is called, the batter is entitled to 1<sup>st</sup> base and the runner(s) may only advance one (1) base, except if the catcher or pitcher makes a play to any base.

## Umpire

- The "Plate Umpire" is encouraged to umpire from behind home plate with the appropriate safety equipment;
- The Field Umpire may be used in a regulation manner.

## Stealing

- Runners may only steal once the ball has reached home plate;
- Runners may not steal home plate unless:
  1. The ball has passed behind the catcher; or
  2. The Catcher makes any play clearly intended to reach a fielder other than returning the ball to the Pitcher following a pitch; or
  3. The Pitcher makes any play, other than delivering a pitch, clearly intended to reach a fielder.

## Dropped Third Strike

- Normal Baseball Rules apply.