

BASEBALL WA JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT MANUAL



AUTHORITY

- These Regulations shall apply to all junior-aged tournament play and override all rules contained in the Junior Baseball By-laws that apply to regular season club-ball.
- In these Regulations, unless inconsistent with the context, words denoting one gender shall include the other gender.
- The Little League International rules (the “LLI Rule Book”) shall govern the running of all tournaments. Tournament pages shall apply together with all general rules governing normal game play.
- From time-to-time, Baseball Australia will apply a local variation to the rules – where the rules in this document are different to the LLI Rule Book, this document will take precedence.
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SECTION 1: TOURNAMENT TEAM SELECTION & COMPLIANCE

Teams

- Teams cannot be selected and named prior to February 1st of the tournament year.
- Tournament teams must complete a Tournament Verification form for each player.
- Any changes to team personnel must be documented on the affidavit and signed by the relevant officials. Details of replacement players, coaches or EOs must be provided and verified before taking the diamond.

	Senior League	Junior League	Intermediate League	Little League Major- Div. 1	Little League Major - Div. 2	Little League - Minor (MP60)
Squad size	Minimum of 12 and maximum of 16 players	Minimum of 12 and maximum of 14 players	Minimum of 12 and maximum of 14 players	Minimum of 12 and maximum of 14 players	Minimum of 12 and maximum of 14 players	Maximum of 14 players
Team personnel	One manager (i.e., head coach) and a maximum of two coaches (assistants) One Executive Officer / Team Manager (off field only)					
Player League Age as at 31 August 2023	League age 13 to 16 inclusive	League age 12 to 14 inclusive	League age 11 to 13 inclusive	League age 10 to 12 inclusive	League age 9 to 12 inclusive	League age 7 to 10 inclusive
Games played requirements	None	Must have played no less than 8 regular season games prior to the tournament	Must have played no less than 8 regular season games prior to the tournament	Must have played no less than 8 regular season games prior to the tournament	None	None
Tournament pathways	Top two teams qualify for nationals	Top two teams qualify for nationals.	Top three teams qualify for nationals	Top two teams qualify for nationals	Three LL Div 2 teams to travel to nationals selected by the LLDA	None

Player Eligibility

- Player eligibility to participate in a tournament team is based on age and not division of play during the regular season.
- Players are eligible for tournament play if they have participated in the number of regular season games indicated in the above table.
- A player may be named in the roster of, and practice with, only one tournament team at a time.
- Once a team is eliminated from the LLI tournament, players from that team may be added to the affidavit of a second team as long as:
 - i. The player meets all tournament player eligibility requirements;
 - ii. There is space on the team affidavit for an additional player
 - iii. The player is not replacing another eligible and available player currently named on the affidavit

Team Identity

- Logos, designs, colour schemes, nicknames and trademarks of all charters remain the exclusive property of Baseball WA.
- Charter teams may negotiate their own sponsorships to offset costs. Sponsorships shall be subject to all Baseball WA policies.
- Sponsor logos may be displayed on supporter clothing and off-field banners etc but may not be displayed on any clothing or equipment on the diamond during a scheduled match.
- Charter teams may only acquire apparel displaying the team's logo, name and / or colour scheme (or any combination of such or usage in part) through Baseball WA using the required ordering process. Baseball WA reserves to right to impose a monetary fine on any charter team that does not comply with this requirement.
- Charter team personnel identifying those individuals associated with their team have independently breached these requirements, shall instruct such individuals to discontinue wearing such apparel at the playing venue.

Uniforms

- **Baseball uniforms including but not restricted to uniform tops, coach polos, caps and training tees will be manufactured by Baseball WA's suppliers for all teams (other than Minor League-MP). Charter ADAs shall ensure orders for their teams are placed using the advised process by the due date each year.**
- **Players and coaches shall purchase their uniform top and cap.**
- **Any garment worn on the diamond or in the dugout during a game (i.e., does not include during warm up prior to the game) must only wear LLWA-branded apparel from the charter's range. Other garments that do not display the LLWA logo are not permitted on the diamond or in the dugout from the first pitch to the last pitch unless the LLDA has granted an exemption.**
- **Coaches of LL age divisions must be dressed in the coach polo and shorts/slacks.**
- **Coaches of IL, JL and SL age divisions have the option of a coach polo (to be worn with shorts) or uniform top (to be worn with team baseball pants only).**
- **All coaches in the same team must be dressed in the same uniform combination i.e., all wearing coach polo or all wearing full uniform.**
- **EOs must not wear the coach polo or playing jersey and should only wear the training tee or supporter polo bearing the LLWA logo.**
- **Previous styles of the coach polo are acceptable to wear for this tournament.**
- **Charters shall determine the colour of baseball pants their team is to use however must either be grey or white. All pants must be uniform in design and belts must be consistent in colour with approved team colours.
Note: club teams participating in the Minor League (MP60) may wear their regular club pants regardless of colour.**
- **Baseball caps are considered part of the playing uniform and must be worn by all coaches and players at all times during a game unless where substituted by a protective helmet.**
- **Batting Helmets are considered part of the team uniform and must be consistent in colour with the team uniform. Charter committees are required to provide six (6) helmets for each of their teams.**

Tournament Administration

- **All tournaments shall be administered by a Tournament Director appointed by the Little League District Administrator.**
- **Head Coaches of the competing teams will attend a Managers' Meeting prior to the commencement of each tournament which will be convened by the Tournament Director. A scorers meeting may also be scheduled.**
- **The LLI team affidavit form for listing details of players and coaches is to be completed by competing teams. The forms are to be received by Baseball WA no later than three weeks prior to the tournament commencing.**
- **Payment of the team nomination fees is to be received in the Baseball WA bank account prior to the tournament commencing. Teams are required to provide the Tournament Director with copies of all receipts as evidence of deposits made if requested.**

Coaches

- The District Administrator or District Staff shall not serve as a coach or executive officer. Assistant District Administrators may only serve as a coach or executive officer with the permission of the District Administrator.
- All coaches must be members of a club within the charter in which they wish to coach.
- All coaches are to be ratified by the Baseball WA High Performance Committee prior to being announced.
- All coaches must comply with the national coaching accreditation standards set by Baseball Australia.

Charter Coaches	Baseball Australia accreditation
Head Coaches	Certification C (Coursework and practical assessment) from 2023 onward.
Assistant Coaches	Certification B

- Child Protection Legislation - it is the responsibility of all teams to ensure that all team personnel adults comply with Western Australia's Child Protection Legislation.

SECTION TWO: TOURNAMENT OPERATIONS

Teams

- Teams are responsible for the maintenance of the diamond they have played on at the conclusion of their game – this includes raking of cut-outs and collection of rubbish in their dugout and in the area in which their spectators have resided.
- Teams will need to provide their own line-up books.

Scorers

- Scorers shall take direction and adhere to the protocols outlined by the Tournament Scorer Coordinator.
- There will only be one book scorer and one GameChanger scorer per game.
- Home team shall supply the own book scorer, preferably accredited.
- Away team (i.e. the team listed second in fixtures matrix and away team on Gamechanger fixtures) will need to supply the GameChanger scorer and provide own with iPad/tablet. Scorer to collect Wi-Fi from BWA office prior to each game.
- The Tournament Scorer Coordinator will supply the scorebooks for all State Championships, except the Minor League Machine Pitch (MP) teams, which shall supply their own scorebook.
- MP60 games are not on GameChanger and each team will supply a book scorer.

Umpires

- The WA Baseball Umpires Association shall be responsible for the appointment of a Technical Director to all tournaments.
- The Technical Director shall be responsible for:
 1. Full control of the umpiring discipline of the panel both on & off the field.
 2. Handling all enquiries from teams relating to the playing conditions of the tournament as outlined in the LL Rule Book.
 3. Liaison with the Charter officials for application of the requirements of tournament rules.
 4. Duties associated with the appointment of umpires.
 5. The appointment of a Crew Chief to each team of umpires in each game.
- All efforts will be made by WABUA to appoint umpires, with priority being to cover plate duties first.
- All reasonable efforts are to be made to ensure that umpires are appointed to neutral games.
- Little League Minor teams (MP60) are required to provide a plate umpire who will be allocated to other scheduled games on a rotational basis, and a base umpire for each game.
- Where an umpire is not officially allocated to a game, teams shall be responsible for providing umpires. Accredited umpires are preferred but not essential.
 - Team mentioned first to supply plate umpire.
 - Team mentioned second to supply base umpire.
 - If an umpire is allocated to do a plate umpiring, the team mentioned first will supply the base umpire.
- Teams are responsible for ensuring umpires are aware of tournament rules as per the LLI book and this manual.
- **Teams can access their copy of the Little League Rule Book in either of two formats: Hard copy or electronic device (iPad/Tablet) – electronic devices shall not be wifi enabled and are not to be used for communications.**

Baseballs

- Baseballs for all tournament games will be provided by Baseball WA.

Schedule

- The tournament schedule will be released as early as possible and is subject to change before and during the tournament.
- The home team shall occupy the first base dug-out or bench. Note that on GameChanger the home team is listed second.
- Where a team is playing a second game immediately following their first game on the same diamond, the team may elect to occupy the same dugout regardless of the schedule.
- The allocation of home and away team status for the game shall be determined by a coin toss prior to each match, as follows:
 - Sixty minutes prior to each match the team Head Coaches or appointed proxy shall meet in the tournament office with a tournament official who shall oversee the coin toss process.
 - The winner of the coin toss shall have the choice of being either the home (batting second) or away (batting first) team.
 - Failure of a team's Head Coach or proxy to attend the coin toss at the appointed time shall result in forfeiture of the coin toss, except where the team is occupied in a prior game at the time the coin toss is to take place (i.e., participating in the first game of a double header). In these instances, the coin toss shall be delayed until five minutes after the conclusion of the prior game.
 - The coin toss does not apply for MP60. Home team fields first.

COVID Information

- Teams will be required to comply with any State or local government COVID requirements or restrictions in place at the time of the tournament.
 - This will apply to any restrictions on spectators, wearing masks, capacity limits, testing or isolation protocols etc.
- All precautions should be taken to minimise risk. Players, parents or spectators should not attend if unwell.
- Teams should provide their own anti-bacterial wipes and sanitiser to wipe down shared equipment, such as bats and helmets.
- Covid Impacted Games
 - Note there is an inclusion on the Affidavit related to COVID-19 compliance
H. COVID-19 COMPLIANCE: It is agreed and understood that Little League shall have the right to implement and require measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, including but not limited to, mandatory COVID-19 testing of all participants listed on this affidavit at various levels of the International Tournament. A team may be removed from the tournament for 1) failure of any individual to comply with testing requirements; 2) failure of any individual to comply with any COVID-19 mitigation measure implemented by Little League; or 3) the inability to field a team for any scheduled game due to isolation and/or quarantine requirements resulting from positive COVID-19 test results. All decisions of the Little League International Tournament Committee regarding player/team eligibility will be final and binding
 - The minimum number of healthy players required to play a game is 9.
 - A game will not be rescheduled due to a team not having enough players who play the position of pitcher due to illness or injury.
 - Situations where teams are impacted by Covid cases will be managed on a case-by-case basis, in line with current protocols and the LLI rules. Please contact the Tournament Director. In the event that a team does not have enough players to participate, the game will be referred by the Tournament Director to the Tournament Committee in Williamsport to determine if the game should be declared a forfeit or rescheduled.

SECTION 3: TOURNAMENT GAME RULES

	Senior League	Junior League	Intermediate League	Little League – Major Division 1	Little League – Major Division 2
Regulation Game	7 innings			6 innings	
Time Limit	None				2 hours Can finish innings
10 or 15 Run Rule <i>[Tourn Rule 12]</i>	10 Run rule applies after 5 th or 6 th inning 15 Run rule applies after 4 th innings		10 Run rule applies after 4 th or 5 th inning 15 Run rule applies after 3 rd innings		
Runs per innings [BA rule]	None				6 runs scored – side away for first 4 innings. No limit after 4 th .
Regulation game <i>[Tourn Rule 13]</i>	5 or more innings		4 or more innings		4 innings
Tie Breakers <i>[Tourn. Rule 14]</i>	There are no tied games – extra innings shall be played to separate ties in all cases. Refer tie breaker rules				After 2 hours, games can finish with a tied score.
Mandatory Play <i>[Tourn Rule 9 + BA modification]</i>	None	All teams must follow the continuous batting line-up rule Teams of 13 or more players – one plate appearance and three consecutive defensive outs Teams of 12 or less players – one plate appearance and six consecutive defensive outs			All teams must bat through the line-up. 3DO (13+ players) 6DO (12 or less) Any inning shortened due to 6 run rules shall be considered 3 DO
Catching Restrictions <i>[Tourn. Rule 4]</i>	No restrictions unless pitching. Refer “Pitching Rules”				

Playing Equipment

- Catchers must wear a mask with NOCSAE approved catchers helmet (skull cap type not acceptable) and “dangling” type throat guard during practice, infield/outfield, pitcher warm- up and games. All catchers must wear approved chest protector and shin guards. Catchers must wear long or short model chest protector with neck collar.
- Helmets for all players in a team must meet NOCSAE requirements and be the same colour, such colour being consistent with the colours of the team uniform.
- There are no restrictions on the use of shared equipment, however players are encouraged to use their own helmets (in line with the safety and colour requirements).
- Charters are to provide at least six helmets for the team.
 - Note: Altering the helmet in any form, including painting or adding decals (by anyone other than the manufacturer or authorised dealer) may void the helmet warranty. Helmets may not be repainted and may not contain tape or re-applied decals unless approved in writing by the helmet manufacturer or authorised dealer. (1.16)
- All base coaches are required to wear protective helmets. Base coaches aged under 18 must wear a double eared helmet when base coaching. Teams are responsible for providing skull caps for their coaches in a coordinated colour.

SECTION 3A: HIGHLIGHTED RULES

The rules highlighted below are a selection of important rules taken from the LLI rule book for ease of access and understanding. This is not meant to provide an exhaustive list of all rules and team personnel should still consult the LLI rule book to ensure a full understanding of tournament rules is obtained.

Tournament rule 3.d – special pinch runner – SENIOR LEAGUE ONLY

Twice a game but not more than one time per inning, a team may utilize a player who is not in the batting order as a special pinch-runner for any offensive player. A player may only be removed for a special pinch-runner one time during a game. The player for whom the pinch-runner runs is not subject to removal from the line-up. If the pinch-runner remains in the game as a substitute defensive or offensive player, the player may not be used again as a pinch-runner while in the batting order. However, if removed for another substitute that player or any player not in the line- up, is again eligible to be used as a pinch-runner. **NOTE:** A special pinch runner cannot be used for any player until such time as the first at-bat has been successfully completed i.e. first time the player must run the bases for themselves.

Tournament rule 3.d – courtesy runners – LITTLE LEAGUE, INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE & JUNIOR LEAGUE

Little League, Intermediate (50-70) Division, and Junior League: **COURTESY RUNNER:** A tournament team may permit a “courtesy runner” for the catcher and/or pitcher of record when there are two (2) outs. Utilizing continuous batting order, the courtesy runner may be in the team’s batting order and must be the player in the batting order who made the last out.

Tournament Rule 4 – Pitching

These rules replace the regular season pitching regulations.

- **LITTLE LEAGUE**
 - Pitchers once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers [4.c].
 - A player cannot pitch in two games in a day [4.f]
- **INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE**
 - Pitchers once removed from the mound but remaining in the game at another position may return to pitch later in the same game but only once per game [4.c].
 - A player cannot pitch in two games in a day [4.f].
- **JUNIOR LEAGUE**
 - Pitchers once removed from the mound but remaining in the game at another position may return to pitch later in the same game but only once per game [4.c].
 - A player who pitches 30 pitches or less in a game may pitch in a second game on the same day [4.f]
 - Exception: League Age 12 participating in JLs are not eligible to pitch in two games in a day.
- **SENIOR LEAGUE**
 - A player who pitches 30 pitches or less in a game may pitch in a second game on the same day [4.f]

Movement between pitching and catching.

- Any player on the team may pitch [4.a]
Exception: Any player who has played the position of catcher in four or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day [4.a]
- A player who played the position of catcher for three innings or less, moves to the pitcher position, and delivers 21 pitches or more (15- and 16-year-olds: 31 pitches or more) in the same day, may not return to the catcher position on that calendar day. [4.a]
Exception: If the pitcher reaches the 20-pitch limit (15- and 16-year-olds: 30-pitch limit) while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch, and maintain their eligibility to return to the catcher position, until any one of the following conditions occur: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; or (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game. [4.a]
- The pitcher would be allowed to play the catcher position provided that pitcher is moved, removed, or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter. If a player delivers 41 or more pitches, and is not covered under the threshold exception, the player may not play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day. [4.d]

Rest Periods

Little/Intermediate/Junior League (Tournament Playing Rules 4 Pitching Rules, LL, IL and JL) The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the pitch limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position [4.d]:

League Age	13-14	95 pitches per day
11-12		85 pitches per day
9 -10		75 pitches per day

EXCEPTION: If a pitcher reaches the limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: 1. That batter reaches base; 2. That batter is put out; 3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game; **4. The pitcher is removed from the mound prior to the batter completing his/her at bat.**

Pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following rest requirement [4.e]:

- If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 51-65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar days of rest must be observed.

Note: A pitcher's pitch count for the purposes of day(s) rest threshold is determined by the first pitch thrown to the final batter faced.

Note: Under no circumstances shall a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days [4.e]

Senior League

The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the pitch limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position [4.d]

League Age	13-16	95 pitches per day
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EXCEPTION: If a pitcher reaches the limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: 1. That batter reaches base; 2. That batter is put out; 3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game; **4. The pitcher is removed from the mound prior to the batter completing his/her at bat.**

Pitchers league age 13-16 must adhere to the following rest requirement [4.e]:

- If a player pitches 76 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 61-75 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 46-60 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 31-45 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 1-30 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar days of rest must be observed.

Note: A pitcher's pitch count for the purposes of day(s) rest threshold is determined by the first pitch thrown to the final batter faced.

Note: Under no circumstances shall a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days. [4.e]

Note: Rest periods commence at the conclusion of a player's final pitching assignment on a given day after which the full day rest requirements as mandated commence at midnight.

Tournament Rule 6 – Bench / dugout

No one except the players, manager and coach(es) shall occupy the bench or dugout during a game. EO's are allowed in the dugout during games; however, are not allowed on the playing surface.

Tournament Rule 7: Visits

A manager or coach may not leave a dugout for any reason during a game without receiving permission from an umpire. The manager or coach may be removed from the field for the remainder of the game for violation of this rule. When permission is granted, the manager or coach will be permitted to go to the mound to confer with the pitcher or any defensive player(s). A manager or coach who is granted a time out to talk to any defensive player will be charged with a visit to the pitcher.

A manager or coach may come out once in one inning to visit with the pitcher, but the second time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. The manager or coach may come out twice in a game to visit with the pitcher, but the third time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. The rule applies to each pitcher who enters a game.

Tournament Rule 9: Mandatory Play

Little League Div 1/Intermediate/Junior League

ALL teams are required to have continuous batting that will include all players on the team Affidavit, to appear in the batting order. Each player is required to bat in his/her respective spot of the batting order. All players MUST have at least one At-Bat.

If a tournament team has thirteen (13) or more eligible players in uniform t a game, then every player on a team roster shall participate in each game for a minimum of three (3) consecutive defensive outs and at least one (1) at bat. If a tournament team has twelve (12) or fewer eligible players in uniform at a game for a minimum of six (6) consecutive defensive outs and at least one (1) at bat,

Defensive Outs is defined as: a player enters the field in one of the nine defensive positions when his/her team is on defence and occupies a defensive position while three (3) outs are made.

Bat at least one (1) time is defined as: A player enters the batter's box with no count and completes that time at bat by being retired, retired as a batter-runner or runner, scores, the inning, or game ends.

PENALTY: The player/s involved shall start the next scheduled game, play any previous requirement not completed and the requirement for this game before being removed.

Failure to meet **Continuous Batting** mandatory play requirements in this rule is a basis for protest. If one or more players on a roster do not meet this requirement, and if protested or brought to the Tournament Committee's attention, in the removal of the team's manager, without replacement, for the remainder of the International Tournament.

1. Prior to the start of play in the top of the fourth inning (Intermediate/Junior Divisions: fifth inning), the umpire-in-chief or other individual designated by the game Tournament Director in consultation with the official scorekeeper, shall advise both team managers of their obligation to insert all players who have not completed their mandatory play requirement into the line-up as outlined below. A manager's failure/refusal to insert players into the line-up as outlined below shall result in immediate ejection of the manager and removal for the remainder of the International Tournament.
1. If a team has 12 or fewer players in uniform at the start of a game, and is:
 - 1.1 Visiting Team: Any player(s) who has yet to enter the game to meet the defensive requirement of mandatory play must be inserted prior to the first pitch or play in the bottom half of the fourth inning (Intermediate/Junior: fifth inning) into a position in the line-up that will ensure all requirements of mandatory play will be satisfied, absent a shortened game, including one at-bat.
 - 1.2 Home Team: Any player(s) who has yet to enter the game to meet the defensive requirement of mandatory play must be inserted prior to the first pitch or play in the top half of the fifth inning (Intermediate/Junior: sixth inning) into a position in the line-up that will ensure all requirements of mandatory play will be satisfied, absent a shortened game, including one at-bat.
2. If a team has 13 or more players in uniform at the start of a game, players must be inserted into the line-up to bat offensively during the:
 - 2.1 Visiting Team: Any player(s) who has yet to enter the game to meet the defensive requirement of mandatory play must be inserted prior to the first pitch or play in the bottom half of the fifth inning (Intermediate/Junior: sixth inning) into a position in the line-up that will ensure all requirements of mandatory play will be satisfied, absent a shortened game, including one at-bat.
 - 2.2 Home Team: Any player(s) who has yet to enter the game to meet the defensive requirement of mandatory play must be inserted prior to the first pitch or play in the top half of the sixth inning (Intermediate/Junior: seventh inning) into a position in the line-up that will ensure all requirements of mandatory play will be satisfied, absent a shortened game, including one at-bat.
3. Managers are solely responsible for ensuring that all players fulfil the requirements of mandatory play, **even if notification is not made.**
4. There is no exception to this rule unless the game is shortened for any reason. NOTE: A game is not considered shortened if the home team does not complete the offensive half of the sixth or seventh inning (or any extra inning) due to winning the game.
5. Failure to meet **Defensive Outs** mandatory play requirements in this rule is a basis for protest. If one or more players on a roster do not meet this requirement, and if protested or brought to the Tournament Director's attention, it shall result (by action of the Tournament Director) in the removal of the team's manager, without replacement, for the nominated breach penalty.
 - 5.1 Management of a breach will be the Tournament Directors role, with the follow penalties:
 - o First Offence – Warning and Education on the participation and player management
 - o Second Offence – 2 game Suspension
 - o Subsequent Offence/s– the state/territory to provide feedback to BA on team manager's continued role, i.e. head to Nationals or World Series.
 - o Any Subsequent breach is to be noted on the Affidavit.
6. Additional penalties (including but not limited to forfeiture of a game, additional mandatory play requirements for players who failed to meet mandatory play, and/or disqualification of the team or coaches from further tournament participation) may be imposed if, in the opinion of the Tournament Committee:
 - 6.1 A manager or coach takes any action that results in making a travesty of the game, causing players to intentionally perform poorly for the purpose of extending or shortening a game, or:
 - 6.2 A team fails to meet the requirements of this rule more than once during the International Tournament, which begins with District pay and ends at the World Series level (State level for 8-10 and 9–12-year-old division).
 - 6.3 A manager wilfully and knowingly disregards the requirements of this rule.

- 7 When a manager or coach is suspended for any reason is not permitted to be at the game site and must not take part in the game/s, nor have any communications whatsoever with any person at the game site. This includes pregame and postgame activities. Violation may result, by action of the Tournament Committee, in further suspension; forfeiture of a game; and/or disqualification of the team, managers, or coaches from further tournament participation.

Tournament Rule 10: Substitutions/Re-Entry

- a. If illness, injury, or the ejection of a player prevents a team from fielding nine players, a player previously used in the line-up may be inserted, but only if there are no other eligible substitutes available. The opposing team manager shall select the player to re-enter the line-up. A player ejected from the game is not eligible for re-entry.
- b. Any player who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game in the SAME position in the batting order.
- c. n/a
- d. Defensive substitutions must be made while the team is on defense. Offensive substitutions must be made at the time the offensive player has her/his turn at bat or is on base.
- e. A starter and her/his substitute must not be in the line-up at the same time, except as provided in Playing Rule 10(a).
- f. Improper substitution is a basis for protest. Protests involving improper substitution not resolved before the next pitch or play shall not be considered.
- g. Tournament Rule 3(d) will replace Rule 7.14, as the Special Pinch Runner rule.
- h. Intermediate/Junior/Senior League only: A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once per game.
- i. Senior League only: Rule 3.03, Designated Hitter, WILL apply during the tournament.
- j. Senior League: Any player in the starting line-up, including the designated hitter, who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game ONCE, provided such player occupies the same batting position as he or she did in the starting line-up. A substitute (non-starter) may not re-enter the game in any position once that player is removed from the line-up.

Tournament Rule 12: Run Rule

If at the end of three innings [Intermediate/Junior/Senior League: four innings], two and one-half innings [Intermediate/Junior/Senior League: three and one-half innings] if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of fifteen runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent. If at the end of a regulation game one team has a lead of ten runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent.

NOTE 1: If the visiting team has a lead of fifteen or ten or more runs respectively, the home team must bat in its half of the inning.

NOTE 2: A game determined by the 15-run rule, shall be considered a regulation game

Baseball Australia Little League - Division II

- All games are two hours, no cut-off, can finish the inning or six innings
- Mandatory Play
 - All teams must bat through the line up
 - 3 DO (13 + players) and 6DO (12 or less players)
- 6 runs scored – side away; first 4 innings then freedom to score.
- Any inning shortened due to the 6-run rule shall be considered 3 defensive outs (DO), for mandatory play purposes.
- A regulation game will be 4 innings.
- After 2 hours, games can finish with a tied score (except finals)
- If games are tied after 6 completed innings and the two-hour time limit is not reached, extra innings can be played up until the time is reached.
- All other Little League rules apply.

Tournament Rule 14: Tie Game

When the completion of six innings [Intermediate/Junior/Senior League: seven innings] and the score is tied, the following tiebreaker will be played to determine a winning team:

- a. The seventh inning [Intermediate/Junior/Senior League: eighth inning] will be played as normal.
- b. Starting in the top of the eighth inning [Intermediate/Junior/Senior League: ninth inning], and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base.

EXAMPLE: If the number five batter is the lead-off batter, the number four batter in the batting order will be placed on second base. An eligible substitute or special pinch runner may be inserted for the runner.

Ejections and Reports

- Any manager, coach or player ejected from a game will be suspended for the next physically played game (4.07).
- Any person placed on report may be dealt with post-tournament in compliance with Baseball WA regulations.

On-deck batter

- On deck batters are not permitted in Little League-Major or Minor divisions
- The on-deck batter shall be positioned in the on-deck circle closest to their dugout [Reg XIV b]

SECTION 3B: RECENT RULE CHANGES

The rules highlighted below are changes that have occurred since the last tournament and provided for team personnel's information.

Tournament Rule 9 (e) For the purposes of this rule, "six (6) consecutive defensive outs" is defined as: A player enters the field in one of the nine defensive positions when his/her team is on defense and occupies such position while six consecutive outs are made; "bat at least one (1) time" is defined as: **A player enters the batter's box with no count and completes that time at bat by being retired, retired as a batter-runner or runner, scores, reaches base safely, or, after reaching base safely, the inning or game ends.**¹⁴

APPROVED RULING: While at-bat, if the third out of the half-inning is recorded by putting out another baserunner prior to the occurrence of any of the above, that batter must return as the first batter in the next half inning.

NOTE: For the purpose of satisfying the requirements of Mandatory Play, when appearing offensively for the first time in the game, a player must remain in the game until one of the following occurs: • He/She is retired as a batter; or • He/She is retired as a batter-runner; or, • He/She reaches base and scores; or • After he/she reaches base, the inning or game ends.

Tournament Rule 4 – Pitching Days Rest Threshold Exemptions and Notes. Provides clarification that a pitcher's pitch count for the purposes of day(s) rest threshold is determined by the first pitch thrown to a batter. The pitcher may not start a new batter once the limit imposed in Regulation VI(c) has been met. An additional exemption has been added to the days rest requirement for pitch count thresholds to allow for a pitcher to be removed from the mound prior to the batter completing his/her at bat to be required to observe the calendar day(s) of rest for the threshold he/she started the batter with.

Regulation VI(c); Tournament Rule 4(d) (and all other instances of "exemption") **EXCEPTION:** If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed in Regulation VI(c) for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: 1. That batter reaches base; 2. That batter is put out; 3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game; **4. The pitcher is removed from the mound prior to the batter completing his/her at bat.**

Regulation VI(d); Tournament Rule 4(e) (and all other instances of "threshold") **Note:** A pitcher's pitch count for the purposes of day(s) rest threshold is determined by the first pitch thrown to a batter. The pitcher may not start a new batter once the limit imposed in Regulation VI(c) has been met. ~~**EXCEPTION: If a pitcher reaches a day(s) of rest threshold while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: (1) That batter reaches base; (2) That batter is retired; (3) The third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game. The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar day(s) of rest for the threshold he/she reached during that at bat, provided that pitcher is removed or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter.**~~

Tournament Player Eligibility – Updates Condition #3 to permit a player to be selected to a second tournament team, either at an upper division or lower division, once their tournament team is eliminated from the Little League International Tournament. The player must meet the requirements as outlined and be selected to a tournament team.

CONDITION 3: A player may be named to the roster of, and practice with, only ONE Little League International Tournament Team at a time. Once the affidavit is signed by the local league president, player agent, and District Administrator (or their representatives), the players listed on the affidavit shall not be eligible to participate on any other Little League International Tournament Team until the team is eliminated from the Tournament. Once the team is eliminated from the Little League International Tournament, players from that team may be added to the affidavit of a second team so long as 1. The player meets all eligibility requirements as outlined in Tournament Player Eligibility; 2. There is space on the team affidavit for an additional player; 3. The player is not replacing another eligible and available player currently named on the affidavit; ~~**and 4. The player must be assessed capable to play within the division of play. 4. The player is named to a team within an older division of play; and 5. The player must be assessed capable to play within the older division of play.**~~

The addition must be certified by the District Administrator or his/her appointee prior to playing with the second team. Baseball/Softball players league age 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 may be eligible for selection to multiple tournament teams. These players may only be selected to one tournament team at a time. Under no circumstances may these players be chosen for, practice with, or participate with more than one tournament team at a time.

RULE 6.08 (A) (2)

CHANGE 1: • Expand the Intentional Walk from the Little League (Major) and Minor League Divisions into the Intermediate (50-70) / Junior League / Senior League Divisions

♣ The batter becomes a runner and is entitled to first base without liability to be put out (provided said runner advances to and touches first base) when – • (a) (2) **ALL DIVISIONS:** the defense elects to “Intentionally Walk” the batter by announcing such decision to the plate umpire. The request may be made prior to or during the at-bat.

• **NOTE 1:** Such notification must be made by the defensive manager. The manager must request and be granted “time” by the umpire and then inform the umpire of the defense’s intent to walk the batter.

• **NOTE 2:** The ball is dead, and no other runners may advance unless forced by the batter’s award. The appropriate number of “balls” needed based on the count on the batter at the time of the manager’s request to complete the Intentional Walk will be added to the pitch count.

CHANGE 2: Based on amendments submitted through the Congress discussions, restrict the intentional walk by announcement so that a player may only be intentionally walked by announcing such decision to the plate umpire one time during the course of the game. This would not restrict a team from throwing four balls outside of the strike zone to this batter at another time during the game.

♣ The batter becomes a runner and is entitled to first base without liability to be put out (provided said runner advances to and touches first base) when – • (a) (2): the defense elects to “Intentionally Walk” the batter by announcing such decision to the plate umpire. The request may be made prior to or during the at-bat. • **A player may only be intentionally walked by announcement one time during a game.**

• **NOTE 1:** Such notification must be made by the defensive manager. The manager must request and be granted “time” by the umpire and then inform the umpire of the defense’s intent to walk the batter.

• **NOTE 2:** The ball is dead, and no other runners may advance unless forced by the batter’s award. The appropriate number of “balls” needed based on the count on the batter at the time of the manager’s request to complete the Intentional Walk will be added to the pitch count.

TOURNAMENT ORGANIZATION – MANAGERS AND COACHES IN THE DUGOUT - Eliminate the number of eligible coaches permitted to be in the dugout based on roster size

~~o If a tournament team has twelve (12) or more eligible players in uniform at the game site at the start of a game, then the~~ A maximum of three (3) adults who are named on the affidavit (or authorized replacements as noted on the affidavit) will be permitted to act as manager/coaches for that game. ~~However, if a tournament team has eleven (11) or fewer eligible players in uniform at the game site at the start of the game, then a maximum of two (2) adults must be named at the start of the game as manager and coach. The two~~ named adults must be listed on the affidavit or must be authorized temporary replacements as noted on the affidavit. If there is a third adult listed on the affidavit, that adult is ~~not~~ permitted to be in the dugout or on the field during that game. o **NOTE:** Base coaches may be adults and/or players provided at least one adult manager or coach remains in the dugout. See 4.05(b).

TOURNAMENT ORGANIZATION – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY: Provides flexibility to local leagues for the Senior Divisions of tournament play to place a player on a tournament team roster regardless of regular season participation.

• Senior League – Any player League age 13,14,15, or 16, with amateur status, ~~who has/is registered with a local league in which they meet the residency or school enrollment requirements participated as required by Mandatory Play as an eligible player in six (6) regular season games (Special Games may be counted toward this requirement) by the start of Tournament Play. in their respective District, with the exception of the middle school, junior high school or high school baseball season.~~

TOURNAMENT RULE 9 – MANDATORY PLAY: Replaces the previous tournament mandatory play rule with a continuous batting order requirement for all divisions of tournament play except for the Senior Division.

• **9. MANDATORY PLAY – CONTINUOUS BATTING ORDER:** 8- to 10-Year-Old, 9- to 11-Year-Old, Little League, Intermediate (50-70) Division, and Junior League: All Tournament Teams must adopt a policy of a continuous batting order that will include all players on the team affidavit present at the start of the game, to appear in the batting order. Each player is required to bat in his/her respective spot in the batting order.

a. **Baseball:** A player may be entered and/or re-entered defensively in the game at any time. Tournament Rule 4 (c) provisions apply: 8-to10-Year Old Division, 9-to11-Year Old Division, Little League: Pitchers once removed from the mound, may not return as pitchers. Intermediate (50/70) and Junior Division: A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once per game. **Softball:** A player may be entered and/or re-entered defensively in the game at any time. Tournament Rule 4 provisions apply: 8-to10-Year Old Division, 9-to11-Year Old Division, Little League [Tournament Rule 4 (d)]: A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once in the same inning as he/she was removed. Junior League, Senior League [Tournament Rule 4 (c)]: A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once in the same inning as he/she was removed. A pitcher may be withdrawn from the game, offensively or defensively, and return as pitcher once per inning provided the return does not violate the substitution, visits per pitcher, or mandatory play rule(s). Penalty: See Rule 10(f) .

b. If a player is injured, becomes ill, or must leave the game site after the start of the game, the team will skip over him/her when his/her time at bat comes up without penalty. If the injured, ill, or absent player returns, he/she is merely inserted into their original spot in the batting order and the game continues. Also, if a player arrives later to a game site, if the manager chooses to enter him/her in the lineup (see Rule 4.01 NOTE 2), he/she would be added to the end of the current lineup.

c. An improper batter will be considered as batting out of turn (see Rule 6.07).

d. If a player is unable to complete a plate appearance due to injury, illness or ejection, the next batter in the lineup shall take his/her place at the plate and assume the count of the original batter.

e. If a batter becomes a runner by reaching base safely and is unable to run the bases due to injury, illness, or ejection, he/she shall be replaced by the player who recorded the last out or with a Courtesy Runner if applicable (see Tournament Rule 3 (d) Courtesy Runner).

f. There is no exception to this rule. This rule does not apply to Senior Divisions of play. NOTE: The rule replaces Regulation IV (i) and Rule 3.03

g. Managers are solely responsible for ensuring that all players fulfill the requirements of playing participation.

h. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to impose penalties (including, but not limited to removal of the manager, forfeiture of a game, and/or disqualification of the team or coaches from further tournament participation) may be imposed if, in the opinion of the Tournament Committee: 1. if a manager or coach takes any action that results in making a travesty of the game, causing players to intentionally perform poorly for the purpose of extending or shortening a game, or; 2. a team fails to meet the requirements of this rule more than once during the International Tournament, which begins with District play and ends at the World Series level (State level for 8-to-10- and 9-to-11-Year-Old Divisions), or; 3. a manager willfully and knowingly disregards this rule.

TOURNAMENT RULE 3 (d, Baseball; e, Softball) – Special Pinch Runner/Courtesy Runner: Updates the previous tournament special pinch runner rule to apply for Senior Division only, while providing a courtesy runner option for all other divisions of tournament play.

• d. 8- to 10-Year-Old, 9- to 11-Year-Old, Little League, Intermediate (50-70) Division, and Junior League: **COURTESY RUNNER:** A tournament team may permit a “courtesy runner” for the catcher and/or pitcher of record when there are two (2) outs. Utilizing continuous batting order, the courtesy runner may be in the team’s batting order and must be the player in the batting order who made the last out.

d. Senior Division: Twice a game but not more than one time per inning, a team may utilize a player who is not in the batting order as a special pinch-runner for any offensive player. A player may only be removed for a special pinch-runner one time during a game. The player for whom the pinch-runner runs is not subject to removal from the lineup. If the pinch-runner remains in the game as a substitute defensive or offensive player, the player may not be used again as a pinch-runner while in the batting order. However, if removed for another substitute that player or any player not in the line-up, is again eligible to be used as a pinchrunner.

SECTION 4: MINOR LEAGUE – Machine Pitch

1. All players are to be in the batting line-up.
2. The batter is out on the 3rd strike whether caught by the catcher or not.
3. OFFENSIVE INNING (6 run rule)
 - a. An offensive inning is complete with a 3rd out or a 6th run. The offensive inning will end at the completion of the play where the 6th run was scored. More than the maximum of 6 runs may have been scored during the final play, however only 6 runs will be recorded for the inning.
 - b. This rule will not apply in the 5th or 6th inning (or extra innings) or where a team is attempting to avoid the invoking of the mercy rule.
 - c. For mandatory play requirements, any inning shortened by application of this rule shall be considered three defensive outs.
4. Should a player be given permission by the home plate umpire to be removed from a game due to injury or illness, then the batting line-up closes to fill the gap (no automatic out) and mandatory participation rules will not apply to the removed player.
5. The pitching machine shall be a Louisville Slugger Blue Flame (UPM45). The machine is set at 36 mph and placed so that its front T Bar is 42 feet from home plate.
6. Specific Minor League Regulations
 - a. The fielder playing the pitcher position shall stand to the side or diagonally behind the pitching machine. They may not stand closer to home plate than the T-Bar of the pitching machine.
 - b. Catchers cannot catch more than 4 innings per game.
 - c. No player may sit on the bench for two or more consecutive innings.
 - d. No Bunting allowed.
 - e. No infield fly rule.
 - f. No leading off or stealing of bases allowed.
 - g. No walks. If the pitching machine is consistently not pitching strikes, adjust machine.
 - h. No on-deck batters or swinging bats in the dugout.
 - i. On a ball in play (batted balls) runners may advance until the ball is in possession of the pitcher and the pitcher is inside the infield diamond.
 - j. On an overthrow that passes the 1st or 3rd base foul line runners may advance until the ball rolls dead. In this case the runners are awarded the base they were approaching (when the ball went dead) only. At home plate the ball is in play on an overthrow if it rebounds off the backstop into fair territory.
 - k. Runners do not advance on errant pitches by the pitching machine, or errors by the catcher in trying to catch the pitched ball.
 - l. A ball hit fair beyond the outfield cones on the full shall be deemed a home run.
 - m. A ball hit fair beyond the outfield cones on the bounce, the batter and all runners shall be advanced 2 bases.
 - n. If a batted ball hits (unassisted) the pitching machine or umpire it shall be called a dead ball. The count defers back to as it was prior to that pitch.
7. Games are one hour and maximum six innings. Innings in play at the one hour mark is declared the last innings. **There is no “5 minutes to go” rule.**
8. Games do not revert back. The innings is to be played out if the home team is not in front going into their at bat or when time is reached.
9. **Games may have a tied result after the full hour has been played.**