

Mahaska County Little League

2009 Local Rules Boys & Girls Minor Division

MCLL Minor League Baseball and Softball will be governed by rules published by Little League Baseball and Softball International.

The following local rules will apply in addition to the LLBS published rules.

1. Games are six (6) innings. Time limit: **No new inning will start after 1 hr. 30 min., as determined by umpire.**
2. All players on the roster will bat.
3. Free substitutions. (Baseball: A player once removed as a pitcher may not pitch again in the same game. **(Reg. VI (d))** Softball: 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 she was removed. **(Reg. VI (c)), subject to remaining eligibility.**
4. Players must play a minimum of **6 Defensive Outs** per game. **(Reg. IV (i))**
5. When the 5th run crosses home plate, the half-inning is over and play must stop.
6. Hit Batters: Pitchers must be removed after hitting three (3) batters in an inning, as long as the batters made an attempt to get out of the way of the pitches, in the judgment of the umpire.
7. All pitchers must wear batting helmet. (Face guard optional)
8. All Batter's helmets must be fitted with a full face guard or shield including personal helmets. No personal stickers or painted helmets allowed. **(Rule 1.16)**
9. Teams can play with any number of players. No empty batter's position shall be considered an out. Late players must bat at the bottom of the batting order.
10. League age 11-year-olds cannot **PITCH** in this division.
11. Once a base runner has re-established contact with the base, that runner is committed to that base until the ball is once again put into play.
12. **No Stealing Home:** A base runner may advance from **third** only when; a ball is batted into fair territory or during a bases loaded walk. When a "HIT" ball is live, batters may advance at their own risk.

RULE BOOK REMINDERS:

- A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day. **Baseball Only (Reg. VI (c)).** All other pitch count (Boys) and innings pitched (Girls) guidelines can be found under **(Reg. VI).**
- No "automatic" intentional walks are allowed. If a pitcher wishes to intentionally walk a batter, he must do so by pitching four pitches intentionally outside the strike zone that are not struck at by the batter, and are called "balls" by the umpire. All such pitches will count in determining that pitcher's pitch count.
Baseball Only
- Managers, Coaches, or Parents are **not** allowed to catch a pitcher before or during a game or practice. If in violation of this rule you will be brought up on a code of conduct ruling with penalties to follow. **RULE 3.09 (LLBS RULE BOOK)**
- Pitching distance: Boys - 46' Girls - 35'
- Base path distance: Boys - 60' Girls - 60'
- Home team has option to provide third base umpire unless paid umpire is provided.
- Visiting team has option to provide first base umpire unless paid base umpire is provided.