

# Baseball Minor Rules - Go LND Wildcats

Base length: 60 ft -- 87 feet 10" from home to second base.

Pitching length: 43 feet from the front of home plate.

Bats: 2 ¼ "Little League Approved - Aluminum Only - No Titanium.- Wood Ok

## 1. PLAYERS MUST BE OF APPROPRIATE AGE AS OF MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>.

(Eligible child must be 10 years olds or younger on or after May 1<sup>st</sup>)

## 2. PLAYING TIME

Every Player present at a scheduled game must play a minimum of 3 full innings (18 successive outs). If a Player is not starting, he/she must be brought into the game at the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning. If game ends in a Mercy Rule, (see rule 13). The players brought in are counted as being In the game for the final three innings of the game. If the winning team is the home team and the last half of the sixth inning is not played, that will count as a full inning played.

## 3 NUMBER OF PLAYERS

Teams will play with 10 players in the field. A team may field nine if a player is injured during the game and cannot continue. A team may also field 9 if a player must leave prior to the games conclusion and the team has only 10 players present for that game. A minimum of 8 is needed to play a regulation game. You must notify the opposing team prior to the start of the game of a child that has to leave early. Player who is must leave early must immediately leave the playing area. Each team is allowed 1 EH(at the option of each team). The 4<sup>th</sup> outfielder must have 2 feet on the grass when ball is pitched, he may then come onto dirt to make a play in infield.

## 4. PITCHING RULES

### NO BALKS

A. If a Pitcher hits 2 batters in any given inning or three batters in a game, that pitcher must be removed and replaced with another pitcher.

B. A Pitcher may be switched to another position and remain in the game, then be brought back to pitch again in the same game. This can only happen once in a game.

(Exception): Pitcher has pitched the maximum of 3 innings in the game.

(Exception): If pitcher hit two batters and was removed, he cannot be brought back into the game to pitch.

C. Maximum 75 pitches per pitcher in an official game. There is no limit to how many Pitcher's a team has.

Rest days .....	0-20 pitches	0 days
	21-40 pitches	2 day
	41-60 pitches	3 days
	61-75 pitches	4 days

D. At the end of each half inning, the pitch count keepers will agree on the number of pitches thrown by the pitcher and record it. If they cannot agree on the number, the umpire will resolve the dispute.

E. If the pitcher is approaching the maximum pitch count for a given game during an at bat, the pitcher may finish that batter, and then the pitcher must be replaced. The Pitcher may move to another position on the field and stay in the game.

## 5. PITCHERS RECORD- (Recorded in INK)

- A. A Pitcher's record sheet for each team must be accompanied with the teams score book.
- B. Prior to each game the opposing score keepers must review the scorebooks to ascertain the pitching availability of each team. After review, the scorekeepers must initial the sheet as being viewed.
- C. Each pitcher that played in a game must be listed on the recording sheet along with the number of pitches thrown.
- D. At the end of each game the scorekeepers must initial the sheet as being reviewed and complete

## 6. STEALING- LIVE PLAY RULES

- A. Stealing is allowed and a Player may try to draw a throw by leading but only after the pitches releases the ball and the ball crosses the front of home plate. No leading before the pitch.
- B. (See Rule 6) Stealing home is not permitted. A player may only score on: a batted ball, Walk or Hit by Pitch. 1 base is given on an overthrow**
- C. This includes throw backs to the pitcher. Little League rules states that the ball is live and in play at all times unless a legal reason or time is called by the Umpire only. Once a Pitcher is on the rubber and the Catcher is in position to receive the pitch the runner must return to the base he/she is on. If a thrown ball accidentally touches a base coach or umpire the ball is live and in play. If a runner is on base he/she may advance.
- D. If a runner is on base and ball gets pitched and gets away from Catcher and leaves playing area, runner's advance one base regardless if they were attempting to steal.
- E. Runners advance one base for overthrow.

**No leading before the pitch.**

## 7. BASE RUNNING RULES

- A. Base runner must be on the base once a Pitcher and Catcher are engaged to execute a pitch. Player must have one foot on the base they are on until the ball crosses the front of home plate. Once across, a player may lead off the base in an attempt to draw a throw to steal the base.
- B. If a runner is attempting to advance to another base and there is a potential play a runner must do one of the following in order to prevent injury. Give themselves up. Avoid contact with the other player. Slide into the base.

(NOTE: A runner may stand up if coming to a base where no play is involved).

There is no head first sliding going into a base you may head first slide returning to a base

## 8. FIELD SET UP

- A. The home team is responsible for field setup and shall supply 2 cushion cork center balls. Both teams shall carry their field equipment to each game to be used as required.  
(#93 Size ball or equivalent Majors) (#91 Size ball or equivalent Minors)

## 9. CATCHER PINCH RUNNER

- A. The Catcher may be replaced with a pinch runner if the Catcher reaches base with two outs. If the Catcher is on base and a second out is recorded, the Catcher may be replaced with a pinch runner. (NOTE: Pinch Runner must be the last recorded out in the line up)

## 10. REGULATION GAME LENGHT

- A. A regulation game is one of four (4) or more innings in which one team has scored more than the other team (3 ½ innings if Home team is ahead).

#### **11. WEATHER RESCHEDULES**

A. All games called due to weather will be rescheduled as time and field availability permits. If a game is called prior to its conclusion, the rescheduled game will continue from the point the prior game was suspended.

#### **12. CONCEDE VICTORY**

A. If at the end of a regulation game (3 ½ innings if Home team is ahead) , one team has a lead of 12 or more runs at any time, the Manager of the team with the least runs must immediately concede victory to the opponent regardless if it is the home or visiting team. The home team does not bat if down 12 after 4 complete innings

#### **14. PLAYER, MANAGER COACHES CONDUCT**

A. In the event a Player, Manager or Coach on a team is ejected from the game for whatever reason, such individual shall be suspended for one game. All incidences must be reported to the Commissioner along with the outcome of the game.

##### **B. PLAYER SUSPENSION**

If it is a Player, that player must show up for the next game and sit on the bench for the entire game. The player does not participate in any pre-game warm up's.

##### **C. COACH MANAGER SUSPENSION**

If it is a Coach or Manager, he/she must view game as a spectator and is prohibited from going on to the field or participating in anyway with the team.

Violation of this rule will result in further suspensions and/or expulsion from the league.

#### **15. PARENTAL GUIDANCE**

A. Parents, spectators and small children are prohibited from sitting in the dugout area. Only Coaches, Players and Managers may sit in dugout. All spectators are prohibited from coming onto the field during the game. If a child is injured the Coaches shall assess the child's injury immediately and then advise parent to help out.

B. Parents or spectators who interfere in anyway with the outcome of a game or disrupt the flow of a game in progress will be asked to leave the immediate area. If person/people choose not to leave immediate area, the Umpire has the right to declare a forfeit against the team people/ person is affiliated with or rooting for.

C. No forms of vulgarity or violence will be tolerated. If Umpire deems offense worthy of a complete stoppage to a game, the team that person is connected to or is rooting for shall forfeit the game. A report must be sent to the two Commissioners' e-mail address to record. Based on severity. Commissioners' office is obligated to forward incident report to local authority for record.

SPECIFIC RULES NOT MENTIONED, REFER TO THE LITTLE LEAGUE RULE BOOK FOR INTERPRETATION.