

Appendix E - Baseball “AA” Division Playing Rules

All games shall be played in accordance with the Little League Baseball Minor League Division Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Policies (LLOR) unless stated below.

Time Limits

No new inning may start after 1 hour 30 minutes from the scheduled start of the game. The game shall end 1 hour 45 minutes after the scheduled start of the game.

If time expires in the Home team half of the inning and the Home team leads, that score will be the final score. Otherwise, the score at the end of the last completed inning will be the final score.

Games tied after six (6) innings may continue in accordance with the above rules.

Umpires

The Home team shall provide the Plate umpire and the Visitor team shall provide the Field umpire.

Scorekeeper

The Home team shall provide the official scorer. Final score and pitch counts shall be reported to the KNLL Scheduler or directly to the KNLL league management system.

Game Balls and Bats

Level 5 safety baseballs shall be used.

Only approved baseball bats (27” or longer) shall be used.

The Home team shall supply two (2) new baseballs to the Plate Umpire at the start of the game. The Home team shall supply extra baseballs of satisfactory game quality when asked by the Plate Umpire.

Additional Coach

Each team is allowed one (1) additional adult approved volunteer to occupy the field when the team is at bat. This shall allow one (1) adult to remain in the dugout at all times, two (2) base coaches, and one (1) adult pitcher. When the team is on defense, this additional volunteer shall remain in the dugout.

Pitching

Through May 1, games shall be played with Coach Pitch. After May 1, games shall be played with Modified Player Pitch. The VP of Baseball, after discussions with the appropriate Division Director and Managers, may select a new date if teams are not ready for this transition.

Coach Pitch

Each team shall use an adult pitcher. The adult shall pitch to their team from no closer than five (5) feet in front of the pitcher’s plate.

The batter is out after three (3) strikes or after eight (8) pitches, whichever occurs first. If the final pitch is hit foul, the batter shall receive additional pitches until they fail to hit the ball into play or foul.

If a pitch touches the batter, the batter is NOT entitled to first base.

Modified Player Pitch

A player shall pitch to the batter until the ball is hit into play or the Plate Umpire calls 3 strikes or 4 balls. If the Plate Umpire calls 4 balls, the batter's coach shall then pitch to the batter and the batter shall retain their strike count. The batter's coach shall pitch from no closer than five (5) feet in front of the pitcher's plate. The player pitcher shall remain within five (5) feet of the pitcher's plate. The coach shall pitch to the batter until the ball is hit into play or the Plate Umpire calls 3 strikes. There are no walks. If the Plate Umpire calls 3 strikes, the batter is out. If a pitch from a player touches the batter, the batter shall be awarded first base. If a pitch from a coach touches the batter, the Plate Umpire shall call a ball and the batter is NOT entitled to first base.

Run Limit

The side is retired when three (3) offensive players are legally put out, or when the offensive team scores four (4) runs. When no further action is possible and play is stopped, the official scorer shall notify the Plate Umpire.

This four (4) run limit is suspended after five (5) innings of the game.

Stealing

Stealing is never permitted.

Pitcher Development

Every rostered player shall appear as a pitcher in no less than two (2) games and face no less than six (6) batters during the regular season. No player shall pitch more than 50 pitches per game.

No player shall be forced to appear as a pitcher. The player and their parent(s) or guardian(s) may ask to be excused from this requirement. This notice shall be reported to the manager, Player Agent, and VP of Baseball.

If a team fails to fulfill this requirement during the regular season, a report shall be submitted to the President for consideration of disciplinary action.

Protests

Whenever it is found that an ineligible pitcher or ineligible player is being used, said pitcher shall be removed from the pitcher's plate or said player shall be removed from the game and the game shall continue. A report shall be submitted within 24 hours to the President for consideration of disciplinary action.

When a violation or interpretation of a playing rule is questioned, the umpires shall consult with each other and issue a decision. If a manager believes the decision is in error, a report shall be submitted within 24 hours to the league Umpire-in-Chief. The league Umpire-in-Chief will clarify the rule as guidance for future games.