

Appendix F - Baseball “AAA” 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. This is an Instructional Minor League Division.

Time Limits

No new inning shall begin after 2 hours from the scheduled start of the game.

If field availability dictates, no new batter shall bat after 2 hour 15 minutes from the scheduled start of the game.

Umpires

The Home team shall provide the Plate Umpire and the Visitor team shall provide the Field Umpire. If the Visitor team is from another league, the Home team shall provide both umpires.

Scorekeeper

The Home team shall provide the official scorer and scorebook. The final score and pitch counts shall be reported to the league management system.

Game Balls

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

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.

Pitching

The VP of Baseball, after discussions with the appropriate Division Director and Managers, shall determine if the season shall start with this rule in effect and an appropriate date after which games shall be played with Player Pitch and this rule is no longer in effect.

Modified Player Pitch

A player shall pitch to the batter(s) until three (3) base awards from base on balls or hit by pitch have been awarded in an inning. At such time the rule **a)** below will be in effect for the remainder of the inning.

- a) A player shall pitch to the batter until the ball is hit into play or the umpire calls three (3) strikes or four (4) balls. If the umpire calls four (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 umpire calls three (3) strikes. There are no walks. If the umpire calls three (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 umpire shall call a ball and the batter is NOT entitled to first base.

Bunting is never permitted when a coach is pitching. A bunt attempt shall be charged as a strike, regardless if the ball is struck and lands in play. If this is the third strike, the batter is out, regardless if the ball is struck. A check swing is not a bunt attempt.

Stealing is never permitted when a coach is pitching.

Any pitches delivered by the batter's coach shall NOT be counted towards that player's pitch count.

Run Limit

The side is retired when three (3) offensive players are legally put out, or when the offensive team scores five (5) runs. When no further action is possible and play is stopped, the official scorer shall notify the Plate Umpire.

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

Stealing

Stealing of home plate 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 ten (10) batters during the regular season.

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, appropriate Player Agent, and VP of Baseball.

If a team fails to fulfill this requirement during the regular season, the following remedy applies. A report shall be submitted to the President for consideration of disciplinary action. Any player having faced less than ten (10) batters during the regular season shall be required to fulfill this requirement during the KNLL League Playoffs before any other player will be permitted to appear as a pitcher.

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.