

BGLL DIVISION GROUND RULES

PITCHING

BGLL adheres to Little League Baseball's rules and regulations pertaining to pitchers. Refer to "Regulation VI - Pitchers" in the Little League rulebook

Any player on a regular season team may pitch.

Managers must remove a pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for their league age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position.

- 13-16 95 pitches per day
- 11-12 85 pitches per day
- 9-10 75 pitches per day
- 6-8 50 pitches per day
- Rookies 20 pitches max per week

T-BALL RULES

1. Five (5) coach pitches, no strikes count; three (3) swings off tee, strikes count.
2. 1 ½ hour game limit or 2 innings, whichever comes first.
3. Players that are thrown out at base must sit. A tie at the base goes to the runner.
4. No score will be kept.
5. Each team bats through the order each ½ inning.
6. Every player plays the field on defense.
7. Last runner runs until the runner is stopped at a base.

ROOKIE/COACH PITCH RULES

1. The 1st inning will be player pitch until the pitcher reaches 20 pitches or 3 consecutive walks; whichever comes first. At which time a Coach will finish the game.
2. No single player shall pitch 2 consecutive games.
3. Coaches may use discretion for pitching distance (within pitching circle), but will be required to pitch from the pitching rubber in the end of season tournament.
4. Continuous batting order is in effect. (all players bat)
5. Each batter will have a maximum of 7 pitches or 3 strikes.
6. Defensive coaches will be in the outfield only.
7. Only 1 Manager, 2 Coaches, and 1 Team Parent are allowed in the dugout.
8. There will be a maximum of 6 innings. An inning will end with 3 outs or 5 runs.
9. All games will have a 1 ½ hour time limit, except for an extra inning due to a tie. No game shall exceed 1 hour 45 minutes. If one team is ahead by more than 15 runs after 3 innings; 10 runs after 4 innings; or 8 runs after 5 innings, the game will end.
10. Any umpire decision which involves judgment is final.
11. Steals and lead-offs are not allowed. Walks allowed only during kid pitch; The infield fly rule will not be used.
12. On any ball hit by the batter on the infield, the base runner will be allowed only one base. No extra bases when the ball is fielded in the infield, or remains on the infield after being hit by the batter. Any ball hit to the outfield, runners may advance until the ball is returned to the infield. Runners may finish advancing to a base so long as they are more than halfway down the base path. Runners may be tagged out whether they are advancing OR returning to a base.
13. The infield will consist of the regular players position.
14. The outfield will consist of all the other players who must be positioned on the outfield grass in fair territory.

15. Scores will not be counted through the first 3 games of the season; scores will be kept starting with the 4th game of the season. However, scorebooks shall be kept for all games.
16. Pitcher's helper must stay even with or behind the coach that is pitching.
17. If the coach is hit by a batted ball, it is a dead ball and the batter will be awarded one base.
18. The pitcher's helper must wear a batting helmet with a face guard and a heart guard during the entire game.
19. The pitcher's helper must be in the ready position before the ball is pitched.
20. Managers and Coaches are responsible for lining the baselines and raking fields before and after each game.
21. For a game to be official, both teams must have 8 players to play the game. No game shall be played with fewer than 8 players and will be considered a forfeit.
22. If a player is injured, becomes ill, or must leave the game site after the start of a game, the team will skip over them when their time at bat comes up without penalty. If the player returns, they are merely inserted back into their original spot in the batting order.
23. Extra innings will be played under "California Rules"*
24. 1 hour 45 minutes will constitute a complete game regardless of innings played.

MINORS RULES

1. The first two innings will be coach pitch; remaining innings will be player pitch.
2. Regular pitch count rules will apply.
3. Continuous batting order is in effect. (All players bat)
4. Lead-offs are not permitted.
5. Batters are awarded first base only for a walk and cannot take second base until the next batter.
6. During Coach pitch, base runners can advance only one base on a steal and only one base per pitch. No stealing of home plate.
7. During player pitch, base runners may advance until the ball is back to the pitcher and the pitcher is in the "pitching circle". Stealing home is allowed during player pitch.
8. There will be a maximum of 6 innings. An inning will end with 3 outs or 5 runs.
9. If the coach is hit by a batted ball, it is a live ball and play will continue.
10. For a game to be official, both teams must have 8 players to play the game. No game shall be played with fewer than 8 players and will be considered a forfeit. If only 8 players are present at the START OF THE GAME, the 9th batting position will be an automatic out every time that spot is due to hit.
11. If a player is injured, becomes ill, or must leave the game site after the start of a game, the team will skip over them when their time at bat comes up without penalty. If the player returns, they are merely inserted back into their original spot in the batting order.
12. Face masks are recommended but not mandatory at this level and is at the parent's discretion.
13. All games will have a 1 hour and 45 minute time limit, except for an extra inning due to a tie. "California Rules" are in effect if an inning begins after the 1:30 mark. An inning may be finished if the time limit is reached. If one team is ahead by more than 15 runs after 3 innings; 10 runs after 4 innings; or 8 runs after 5 innings, the game will end.
14. Extra innings will be played under "California Rules"*
15. 2 hours will constitute a complete game regardless of innings played.

MAJORS & ABOVE RULES

1. There will be a maximum of 7 innings. An inning will end with 3 outs.
2. Dropped third strike is in effect.
3. Infield fly rules are in effect for Junior & Seniors only.
4. Lead-offs are permitted
5. No metal cleats allowed at any time; Only molded cleats or tennis shoes permitted.
6. All games will have a 2 hour time limit, except for an extra inning due to a tie. (30 minutes max)
If one team is ahead by more than 15 runs after 4 innings; 10 runs after 5 innings; or 8 runs after 6 innings, the game will end.

****CALIFORNIA RULES***

1. Each team gets the opportunity to be on offense (gets to bat).
2. Last recorded out starts on second base.
3. One out will be recorded to start the inning.

If at the end of this inning the score remains tied, then the final outcome of the game will be recorded as a tie.

During tournament games a winner must be declared to move on. If at the end of regulation play and the score is tied, then "California Rules" innings will continue to be played until a winner is declared.