

# Changes to the 2008 Regulations and Regular Season Rules For Baseball Divisions of Little League®

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### PROOF-OF-AGE REQUIREMENTS

**NOT ACCEPTABLE AS SOLE PROOF OF BIRTH:** Baptismal Certificate; Certificate of Blessing; Certificate of Dedication; Certificate of Circumcision, etc.; Hospital Certificate; photocopied records; **passports.**

### Regulation I – THE LEAGUE –

(a) 3. The Tee Ball division is an extension of the local league to accommodate participants league ages 5-8 and may utilize the batting tee or the pitched ball (by a coach). The league may opt to deliver a designated number of pitches to all batters and then utilize the tee if necessary.

- b. Officers shall be elected by the Board (i.e., president, one or more vice presidents, secretary, ... A president may manage, coach or umpire provided he/she does not serve on the Protest Committee nor serve as tournament team manager or coach.

**The president will not serve in the capacity of District Administrator.**

President, with approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint managers, coaches and umpires annually. Manager/coach representation on the Board shall not exceed a minority. NOTE: All members of the local league Board of Directors, as well as managers and coaches, whose activities in another youth baseball/softball program are deemed detrimental to the operation of the local league, can be removed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**Additionally, the local league's Board of Directors has the right to NOT approve that individual as a tournament team manager.**

- c. Each league shall:

1. prepare, adopt...
2. be considered...
3. apply for and, if ...
4. have separate boundaries as provided for in Regulation II. **(Delete the remainder of paragraph 4.)**

9. Conduct an annual background check on all personnel that are required to complete a "Little League Volunteer Application" prior to the applicant assuming his/her duties for the current season. No local league shall permit any person to participate in any manner, whose background check reveals a conviction or guilty plea for any crime involving or against a minor. A local league may prohibit any individual from participating as a volunteer or hired worker, if the league deems the individual unfit to work with minors.

A local league must conduct a nationwide search that contains the applicable government sex offender registry data.

**NOTE 1: Each year, Little League International provides 80 free background checks that exceed the minimum standard required in this regulation. Information on how to utilize this benefit, as well as how to conduct background checks, can be found on the Little League website at:**

**<http://www.LittleLeague.org/common/childprotect/states.asp>**

**NOTE 2: The United States Department of Justice National Sex Offender Public Registry is free and available at [www.nsopr.gov](http://www.nsopr.gov). [I.c.9. also is added to the Junior/Senior/Big League Regulations.]**

- f. Mergers where there is sufficient enrollment to maintain separate charters, shall require the recommendation of the District Administrator to Little League International and be subject to final approval by the Charter Committee. (Removed the reference to the 20,000 population limit.)

#### **Regulation II – LEAGUE BOUNDARIES –**

- (g) Each local Little League's boundary is "frozen" at the status as of April 23, 2007. "Frozen" means, each league will continue to operate under that boundary. The league shall limit its boundary to and draw its players from an area approved by the District Administrator and Regional Director. Boundary maps for leagues (and any changes made after April 23, 2007 to the approved map on file at the Regional Office) must be signed and dated by the League President and District Administrator with a copy to be sent to the Regional Office. The approved map on file at the Regional Office is the "official" map, provided it does not encroach on any other chartered Little League's boundary. The Charter Committee reserves the right to grant waivers and adjust boundaries where needed. All requests for mergers and to expand league boundaries by adding additional territory must be provided to the Charter Committee through the District Administrator and Regional Director. The decision of the Charter Committee on these requests is final and binding.

NOTE 1: Each league will be required to have a current boundary map, approved by the District Administrator, in the regional office files. This will be required for tournament privileges for the current season.

NOTE 2: All leagues currently operating under a divisional format must continue to operate under this method. *Exceptions to the divisional format can only be granted by the Charter Committee in Williamsport.*

NOTE 3: Any request for newly chartered leagues will be reviewed by the Charter Committee under this regulation before a charter is granted. The decision of the Charter Committee is final and binding.

- (h) Deleted in its entirety.

#### **Regulation IV – THE PLAYERS –**

- (g) Player roster forms supplied by Little League Headquarters must be completed and filed no later than **June 7, 2008**. Players claimed under...
- (h) If a person had previously resided within the league boundaries for two **or more** years while serving that league as a dedicated manager, coach or member of the

Local League Board of Directors for two **or more** years, his or her sons and/or daughters are eligible to try out and be selected by teams in that league (1) provided such service to the league from which the person has moved has continued, (2) subject to written agreement from the league within whose boundaries they currently reside and (3) **and approved by the District Administrator.**

**Regulation V – SELECTION OF PLAYERS –**

1. **The selection of players for the various teams within a league shall be in compliance with the Little League Draft Selection System as detailed in the Operating Manual. NOTE: All candidates who are league age twelve (12) must be drafted to a Little League Major Division team, or to a Junior League team. Exceptions can only be made with written approval from the District Administrator, and only if approved at the local league level by the Board of Directors and the parent of the candidate.**

**Regulation VI – PITCHERS –**

- (a) Any player on a regular season team may pitch. (NOTE: There is no limit to the number of pitchers a team may use in a game.)
- (b) **Players once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers; Junior, Senior, and Big League Divisions** only: 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 per game.
- (c) The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position:

League Age	17-18	105 pitches per day
	13-16	95 pitches per day
	11-12	85 pitches per day
	9-10	75 pitches per day
	<b>7-8</b>	<b>50 pitches per day</b>

Exception: If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed in Regulation VI (c) for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: 1. That batter reaches base; 2. That batter is put out; **3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning. NOTE: A pitcher who delivers one or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.**

- (d) Pitchers league age 16 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:
  - If a player pitches 61 or more pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest, **and a game (see e. below)**, must be observed.
  - If a player pitches 41 - 60 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest, **and a game (see e. below)**, must be observed.
  - If a player pitches 21 - 40 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
  - If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.

Pitchers league age 17-18 must adhere to the following rest requirements:

- If a player pitches 76 or more pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest, **and a game (see e. below)**, must be observed.
  - If a player pitches 51 - 75 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest, **and a game (see e. below)**, must be observed.
  - If a player pitches 26 - 50 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
  - If a player pitches 1-25 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest must is required.
- (e) **A player may not pitch in consecutive games. Exception – League Age 16 and under - A player may pitch in consecutive games if 40 or less pitches were delivered in the previous game. League Age 17-18 - A player may pitch in consecutive games if 50 or less pitches were delivered in the previous game.**
- (f) Each league must designate the scorekeeper or another game official as the official pitch count recorder.
- (g) The pitch count recorder must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either manager or any umpire. However, the manager is responsible for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed.
- (h) The official pitch count recorder should inform the umpire-in-chief when a pitcher has delivered his/her maximum limit of pitches for the game, as noted in Regulation VI (c). The umpire-in-chief will inform the pitcher’s manager that the pitcher must be removed in accordance with Regulation VI (c). However, the failure by the pitch count recorder to notify the umpire-in-chief, and/or the failure of the umpire-in-chief to notify the manager, does not relieve the manager of his/her responsibility to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible.
- (i) Violation of any section of this regulation can result in protest of the game in which it occurs. Protest shall be made in accordance with Playing Rule 4.19.
- (j) A player who has attained the league age of twelve (12) is not eligible to pitch in the Minor League. **(See Regulation V – Selection of Players)**
- (k) A player may not pitch in more than one game in a day. (Exception: In the Big League Division, a player may be used as a pitcher in up to two games in a day.)

**NOTES:**

1. The withdrawal of an ineligible pitcher after that pitcher is announced, or after a warm-up pitch is delivered, but before that player has pitched a ball to a batter, shall not be considered a violation. Little League officials are urged to take precautions to prevent protests. When a protest situation is imminent, the potential offender should be notified immediately.
2. Pitches delivered in games declared “Regulation Tie Games” or “Suspended Games” shall be charged against pitcher’s eligibility.
3. In suspended games resumed on another day, the pitchers of record at the time the game was halted may continue to pitch to the extent of their eligibility for that day, provided said pitcher has observed the required days of rest.

**Example 1:** A league age 12 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes on the following Thursday. The pitcher is not eligible to pitch in the resumption of the game because he/she has not observed the required three days of rest.

**Example 2:** A league age 12 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes on Saturday. The pitcher is eligible to pitch up to 85 more pitches in the resumption of the game because he/she has observed the required three days of rest.

**Example 3:** A league age 12 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes two weeks later. The pitcher is eligible to pitch up to 85 more pitches in the resumption of the game, provided he/she is eligible based on his/her pitching record during the previous three days.

NOTE: The use of this regulation negates the concept of the “calendar week” with regard to pitching eligibility.

**Rule 1.06** – First, second and third bases shall be marked by white canvas or rubber covered bags, securely attached to the ground. The first and third base bags shall be entirely within the infield. The second base bag shall be centered on second base. The base bags shall not be less than fourteen (14) nor more than fifteen (15) inches square and the other edges shall not be more than two and one-fourth (2-1/4) inches thick and filled with a soft material. **Leagues are required to ensure that first, second and third bases will disengage their anchor.**

**Rule 1.10** – The bat must be a baseball bat which meets Little League specifications and standards as noted in this rule. It shall be a smooth, rounded stick and made of wood or of material and color tested and proved acceptable to Little League standards. It shall not be more than thirty-three (33) inches (34 inches for **Junior**; 36 inches for **Senior League and Big League**) in length, nor more than two and one-quarter (2 1/4) inches for Little League; (2 3/4 inches for Junior, and 2 3/4 inches for wood and 2 5/8 inches non-wood for Senior and Big League in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenth (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30”) at its smallest part. **Wood** bats may be taped or fitted with a sleeve for a distance not exceeding sixteen (16) inches (18 inches for **Junior/Senior/Big League baseball**) from the small end. **A non-wood bat must have a grip of cork, tape or composition material, and must extend a minimum of 10 inches from the small end. Slippery tape or similar material is prohibited. Senior/Big League baseball:** The bat shall not weigh, numerically, more than three ounces less than the length of the bat (e.g., a 33-inch-long bat cannot weigh less than 30 ounces). **All non-wood bats shall meet the BESR performance standard, and such bats shall be labeled with a permanent certification mark. All divisions: White bats are prohibited. An illegal bat must be removed.**

## **2.00 – DEFINITION OF TERMS –**

An **INNING** is that portion...the preceding inning. **(Minor League Only – A five-run limit is to be imposed, which would complete the half inning.)**

**Rule 3.03 – 3.** pitchers once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers; **Junior/Senior/Big League** – A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher any time in the remainder of the game, **but only once per game.**

**Rule 3.03 – BIG LEAGUE –**

(c) A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher any time in the remainder of the game, **but only once per game.**

**Rule 3.17** – Players and substitutes shall sit on their team’s bench or in the dugout unless ... No team shall use electronic equipment, including walkie-talkies, cellular telephones, **etc., for any communication** with on-field personnel including those in the dugout, bullpen or field.

**Rule 4.03 (d)** – Deleted as obsolete and no longer applicable.

**Rule 4.04** – The batting order shall be followed throughout the game unless a player is substituted for another ... However, a player may be entered and/or re-entered defensively in the game anytime provided he/she meets the requirements of mandatory play. **NOTE 1: The continuous batting order is mandatory for all Tee Ball and Minor League Divisions. NOTE 2: For the Tee Ball and Minor League Division (and when the continuous batting order is adopted for other divisions), when a child is injured, becomes ill...**

**Rule 4.11 (e) - NOTE:** When a TIE game is halted, the pitcher of record may continue pitching in the same game on any subsequent date provided said pitcher has observed the required days of rest **for his/her particular age group.** For scorekeeping purposes, it shall be considered the same game, and all batting, fielding and pitching records will count.

**Rule 6.02** – (c) if the batter refuses to take his/her position in the batter’s box during a time at bat, the umpire shall **call a strike on the batter without the need for a pitch to be delivered. The ball is dead, and no runners may advance. After the penalty,** the batter may take a proper position and the regular ball and strike count shall continue, but if the batter does not take the proper position before three strikes are called, that batter shall be declared out.

**Rule 7.05 (j)** - one base, if a fielder deliberately touches a pitched ball with his/her cap, mask or any part of his/her uniform detached from its proper place on his/her person. The ball is in play, and the award is made based on the position of the runner at the time the ball was touched.

**Rule 7.08** – (a) (1) running more than three feet away from **his/her baseline** to avoid being tagged, unless such action is to avoid interference with a fielder fielding a batted ball. **A runner’s baseline is established when the tag attempt occurs, and is a straight line from the runner to the base to which he/she is attempting to reach;** or (2).....

**Rule 7.09 (b) and (k)** deleted because they are redundant and already in Rule 6.00.

**Rule 7.15** –

- (a) A batted ball that hits the white section of the double base shall be declared fair. A batted ball that hits the colored (orange or green) section **without first touching or bounding over the white section** shall be declared foul.
- (b) Whenever a play is being made on the batter-runner, the defense must use the white section of the double first base. **NOTE 1:** A play is being made on the batter-runner when he/she is attempting to reach first base while the defense is attempting to retire him/her **at that base**. Penalty: Batter-runner is out. **NOTE 2:** If there is a play...
- (c) **Whenever a play is being made on the batter-runner**, the batter-runner must use the colored (orange or green) section on his/her first attempt to tag first base. **NOTE:** On extra-base hits or other balls hit to the outfield when there is no chance for a play to be made at the double first base, the **batter**-runner may touch either the white or colored (orange or green) section of the base. Should, however, the batter-runner reach and go beyond first base, he/she **may** only return to the white section of the base. **Penalty: If there is a play on the batter-runner, and the batter-runner touches only the white portion and the defense appeals prior to the batter-runner returning to first base, it is treated the same as missing the base. If properly appealed, the batter-runner is out.**

**Rule 8.01 –**

- (a) The Windup Position. The pitcher shall stand facing the batter, the pivot foot **in contact with** the pitcher's plate, and the other foot free. From this position any natural movement...
- (b) The Set Position. Set Position shall be indicated by the pitcher when the pitcher stands facing the batter **with the pivot foot in contact with**, and the other foot in front of the pitcher's plate, holding the ball in both hands in front of the body **and coming to a complete stop**.

**Rule 8.02 (a) (1) –** bring the pitching hand in contact with the mouth or lips while in the 10-foot circle (18-foot circle in **Junior/Senior/Big League Baseball**) surrounding the pitcher's plate. **EXCEPTION:** Provided it is agreed to by both managers, the umpire, prior to the start of a game played in cold weather, may permit the pitcher to blow on his/her hands while in the 10/18-foot circle.

# Changes to the 2008 Tournament Rules For Baseball Divisions of Little League®

## Teams

Each chartered league ...

Tournament teams and Eligibility Affidavit shall consist of, and must be limited to, a maximum of fourteen (14) players, one (1) manager and a maximum of two (2) coaches.

If there are thirteen (13) or more eligible players listed on the team's affidavit, the maximum of three (3) adults shall be listed on the affidavit; if a tournament team has twelve (12) or fewer eligible players listed on the team affidavit, the maximum of two (2) adults shall be listed on the affidavit.

## Managers and Coaches

Removed the NOTE that did not allow a person to coach a team in another program.

## League Eligibility

In order for a Little League program to be eligible to enter a team or teams into the International Tournament (including 9-10 Year Old Division and 10-11 Year Old Division) the following must be accomplished as indicated:

- 1) The league must be chartered in the division(s) for which it wishes to enter a tournament team(s), no later than June 7, 2008. Examples: Chartered in Little League Majors to enter a Major Division team (11-12 year olds); chartered in Senior League to enter a Senior Division team, etc.
- 2) The league must have scheduled and played, at a minimum, a 12-game (per team) regular season exclusive of playoffs and tournament games for each division entering tournament. See Reg. VII (a).
- 3) All waivers requests (for the league, team, player, manager, and/or coach) of any kind must be submitted and approved not later than June 7, 2008.
- 4) All regular season team rosters must be submitted to Little League International in accordance with the requirements outlined in Regulation IV (g), not later than June 7, 2008;
- 5) Team number revisions and fees incurred by the league must be paid in full by June 7, 2008.
- 6) All combined team and interleague play requests that may involve tournament play must be submitted and approved not later than June 7, 2008.

## Player Eligibility

**Little League (Majors Division)** – Any player League Age 11 or 12, who has participated as an eligible player in **sixty percent (60 %)**...

**9-10 Year Old Division** – Any play League Age 9 or 10, who has participated as an eligible player in **sixty percent (60 %)**...

**10-11 Year Old Division** – Any player League Age 10 or 11, who has participated as an eligible player in **sixty percent (60 %)**...

**Big League** – Any player League Age 16, 17 or 18, with amateur status, who has been a rostered member for **sixty percent (60 %)** of the regular season games (special games

may be counted toward this requirement) by the start of Tournament Play in their respective District, with the exception of the high school or college baseball season, on a:

2. Big League Baseball Team, or;
3. Senior League Baseball Team.

**Senior League** – Any player League 14, 15 or 16, with amateur status, who has participated as an eligible player in **sixty percent (60 %)**...

**Junior League** – Any player League Age 12, 13, or 14 who has participated as an eligible player in **sixty percent (60 %)**...

**Condition 2:** A player...

**Example:** If, for any given division, Team A played 20 regular season games before June 15, and a player missed 10 games because of participation in a school baseball program, that player is required to have participated in only **six (6)** regular season games to be eligible for the Tournament Team.

## SCHEDULES

Each District Administrator must finalize tournament schedules prior to the start of the tournament or June 15 (whichever is earliest). Schedules for each level (District, Section, Division, State, Regional) must utilize Little League Baseball approved single elimination brackets, double elimination brackets, or pool play format **with pool play tie breaker format, as noted at [www.LittleLeague.org/tournaments/2008data/poolplayformat.pdf](http://www.LittleLeague.org/tournaments/2008data/poolplayformat.pdf)**. All other tournament formats must be approved by the Tournament Committee.

## TOURNAMENT PLAYING RULES

### 4. PITCHING RULES – LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, 9-10 YEAR OLD, 10-11 YEAR OLD DIVISION, JUNIOR LEAGUE AND SENIOR LEAGUE

These rules replace the regular season pitching regulations. *Violation of these pitching rules is subject to protest and forfeiture by decree of the Tournament Committee in Williamsport if protested before the umpire(s) leave the playing field.*

- a. Any player on a tournament team may pitch. (**NOTE:** There is no limit to the number of pitchers a tournament team may use in a game.)
- b. A tournament pitcher may not pitch in regular season or Special Games while the team is still participating in the tournament.
- c. Pitchers once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers. **Junior/Senior League:** 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 per game.
- d. The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position:

League Age:	13-16	95 pitches per day
	11-12	85 pitches per day
	9-10	75 pitches per day

**Exception:** If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed above for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: **1. That batter reaches base; 2. That batter is put out; 3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning.** **NOTE: A pitcher who delivers one or**

**more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.**

- e. Pitchers league age 16 and under must adhere to the following requirements:
  - If a player pitches 46 or more pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest, **and a game (see f. below)**, must be observed.
  - If a player pitches 21 to 45 pitches in a day, one calendar day of rest, **and a game (see f. below)**, must be observed.
  - If a player pitches 1 to 20 pitches in a day, no rest is required.
- f. A player may not pitch in consecutive games. **Exceptions** – A player may pitch in consecutive games if:
  - 1. less than 21 pitches were pitched in the previous game, or,
  - 2. the previous game was at another level, and the pitcher has received the required number of days of rest as noted in (e.) above. (Levels are District, Section, State, Division, Region, and World Series.)
- g. A player may not pitch in more than one game in a day.
- h. In a game suspended by darkness, weather, or other causes and resumed the following calendar day, the pitcher of record at the time the game was halted may continue to the extent of his/her eligibility, provided he/she delivered 40 or less pitches, and subject to each of these conditions:
  - 1. If the pitcher delivered 20 or less pitches before the game was suspended, that pitcher's pitch count will begin at zero for the continuation portion of the game;
  - 2. If the pitcher delivered between 21 and 40 pitches before the game was suspended, that pitcher's pitch count will begin with the number of pitches delivered in that game;
- i. In a game ("Game A") suspended by darkness, weather, or other causes and resumed more than one calendar day later, the provisions of (h.) above shall apply, unless the pitcher of record pitched in another game or games after Game A was halted. In that event, eligibility to pitch in the continuation portion of Game A shall be determined by the number of pitches delivered in the game or games after Game A was halted.
- j. Failure to remove a pitcher who has reached his/her maximum number of pitches required by league age or use of an ineligible pitcher is basis for protest. Violation protested before the umpires leave the playing field, shall result (by action of the Tournament Committee) in the suspension of the team's manager for the next two scheduled tournament games, even if those games are played at the next tournament level. Additional penalties (up to and including forfeiture of a game and/or disqualification of the team, managers or coaches from further tournament participation) may be imposed if, in the opinion of the Tournament Committee:
  - 1. a manager or coach takes any action that results in making a travesty of the game,
  - 2. a team fails to meet the requirements of this rule more than once during the International Tournament, which begins with District play and ends at the World Series level (State level for 9-10 and 10-11), or;
  - 3. a manager willfully and knowingly disregards the requirements of this rule.



1. If the pitcher delivered 25 or less pitches before the game was suspended, that pitcher's pitch count will begin at zero for the continuation portion of the game;
2. If the pitcher delivered between 26 and 50 pitches before the game was suspended, that pitcher's pitch count will begin with the number of pitches delivered in that game;
- i. In a game ("Game A") suspended by darkness, weather, or other causes and resumed more than one calendar day later, the provisions of (h.) above shall apply, unless the pitcher of record pitched in another game or games after Game A was halted. In that event, eligibility to pitch in the continuation portion of Game A shall be determined by the number of pitches delivered in the game or games after Game A was halted.
- j. Failure to remove a pitcher who has reached his/her maximum number of pitches required by league age or use of an ineligible pitcher is basis for protest. Violation protested before the umpires leave the playing field, shall result (by action of the Tournament Committee) in the suspension of the team's manager for the next two scheduled tournament games, even if those games are played at the next tournament level. Additional penalties (up to and including forfeiture of a game and/or disqualification of the team, managers or coaches from further tournament participation) may be imposed if, in the opinion of the Tournament Committee:
  1. a manager or coach takes any action that results in making a travesty of the game,
  2. a team fails to meet the requirements of this rule more than once during the International Tournament, which begins with District play and ends at the World Series level or;
  3. a manager willfully and knowingly disregards the requirements of this rule.

A manager or coach suspended for any reason is not permitted to be at the game site and must not take any part in the game, nor have any communications whatsoever with any persons at the game site. Violation may result, by action of the Tournament Committee, in further suspension, forfeiture of a game and/or disqualification of the team, managers or coaches from further tournament participation.

**6. BENCH/DUGOUT:** No one except the players, manager and coach(es) shall occupy the bench or dugout during a game. Base coaches may be players, or adults. Two (2) adult base coaches are permitted at all levels **subject to playing rule 4.05 (2)**.

#### **10. SUBSTITUTIONS/RE-ENTRY:**

**(c) A substitute entering the game for the first time...**

**NOTE 2:** A player who has met the mandatory play requirements, and is a pitcher at the time she/he is removed, may be removed for a substitute batter and re-enter the game as a pitcher once, provided the pitcher was not physically replaced on the mound.

**EXCEPTION: Does not apply to Senior and Big League Baseball. EXAMPLE:**

Player A is a starter and not a pitcher, Player B substitutes into the game for Player A. Both players have met mandatory play by completing one time at bat and 3 consecutive

outs and both occupy the same spot in the batting order. In the fifth inning Player A becomes a pitcher and is scheduled to bat in the sixth inning, but Player B bats for Player A. Both players have met mandatory play requirements and Player A was not physically replaced on the mound as a pitcher, therefore, Player A can return to pitch the sixth inning.

**(d)** Defensive substitutions must be made while the team is on defense. Offensive substitutions must be made at the time the offensive player has her/his turn at bat or is on base.

**(i) SENIOR LEAGUE/BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL:** Any player in the starting line-up, including the designated hitter, who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game ONCE, provided such player occupies the same batting position as he or she did in the starting line-up. A substitute (non-starter) may not reenter the game in any position once that player is removed from the line-up.

**11. SUSPENDED GAMES:** Any game in which a winner cannot be determined in accordance with the playing rules shall be resumed from the exact point at which it was suspended regardless of the number of innings played.

**EXCEPTION:** In the event that the first inning is not completed, the game shall be replayed from the beginning and all records, including pitching, disregarded. Incomplete (not regulation) or tie games are considered suspended games. **NOTE:** A contest decided by forfeit does not constitute a “game” for the purposes of this rule, unless one complete inning was physically played before the game was forfeited. (Forfeits are only by decree of the Tournament Committee in Williamsport.)

#### **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Unless officially notified to the contrary by Williamsport, each league shall assume full responsibility for expenses...NOTE: A maximum of one round trip will be compensated per tournament site at each level of play. Mileage forms must be completed and submitted to Little League International by **September 15, 2008**.