

Major / Minor League: Rules of Play

1. Base Stealing
 - i. • No leading off base
 - ii. • Runner can leave the base once the pitched ball passes the batter

Minor League

- Runner may steal every base except home
- Runner can advance home however if a play is made on them at 3rd base and an error occurs on the play

Major League

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2. Pitching
 - Any one pitch from the mound including a warm-up pitch constitutes one inning pitched
 - A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 6 innings per week
 - 1-2 innings pitched in a game require one days rest
 - 3 innings pitched in a game require 2 days rest
 - 3+ innings pitched in a game require 3 days rest
 - If a 3rd game is required in a week due to re-scheduling of rainout dates, a pitcher can pitch if all other criteria are met.
 - If there are 2 hit batsman in the same inning a pitcher must be removed
 - Maximum of 3 hit batsman in one game and a pitcher must be removed
3. Bunting is allowed
4. Tagging up on a fly ball is allowed
5. The infield fly rule is in effect.
6. All players must hit; example – 12 players for a game, player 1 through player 12 hits before starting with player 1 again.
7. Playing Time: Each player to play a minimum of six (6) consecutive outs.
8. Free substitution is allowed
9. The Slide or Avoid rules at all bases applies. All plays made on a runner at home plate – the runner must slide or be called out
10. Five run rule – The inning is over after 5 runs are scored by a team except if it is the last inning (coaches must agree in advance of starting an inning that it will be the last inning)
 - a. • Don't start an inning after 7:30PM for the first half of the season
 - b. • Don't start an inning after 7:45PM for the 2nd half of the season
 - c. • Game ends at 8PM
11. Slaughter Rule: The game is over after the 3rd inning if a team leads by twelve runs
12. Coaches must keep the players in the dugouts.
13. A player may only coach first base and must wear a helmet

14. Mouth guards are optional. If needed please see the snack bar attendant.
15. Rain out's during the week will be played on Saturday in place of practices.
16. Each team shall adhere to the Code of Conduct, coaches are responsible for the actions of their teams. Disciplinary measures will be reviewed on an as needed basis. Coaches shall notify the Level Director or a Board Member if needed.
17. Umpiring calls are final, if a discussion or question is needed, only the head coach is allowed to approach the umpire. If a call is changed, both coaches shall be informed.
18. **MINOR LEAGUE** – Umpiring will be performed by middle school and high school individuals. Please show the respect to these individuals that you would want for your own children. NLLB is proud to include our high school students in our program, and provide a valuable teaching opportunity. Hopefully each coach, parent and player will be involved in a positive way. If there are any issues, the Board would appreciate the Coaches to discuss it after the game with a Board member.
19. Protected gear shall be encouraged, and is mandatory for all catchers.
20. The home team is responsible for raking the infields following the game.
21. All teams will need to volunteer for the concession stand, mandatory requirement is 2 or 3 days for one week. Assistance is greatly appreciated.
22. The game of baseball is a great sport for the children, so lets make sure that the game is played by the children, enjoyed by the parents and children and taught by the coaches. Remember, following each game, the children are returning to a home - **not** trying to catch a bus or airplane for their next Major League Baseball Game on television (and that goes for the coaches as well).