

2017 Verona Little League Local

Juniors Division

7th-9th Graders

Rules

The official rulebook will be Little League Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules, copyright 2017 by Little League Baseball, Incorporated with two local modifications:

- 1) No new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes.
- 2) Teams must bat their entire roster and can use free substitution.

Pitch Count and Inning Limits

The manager must remove a pitcher when the 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 11 - 12:	85 pitches per day
League Age 13 – 16:	95 pitches per day

Exception: If a pitcher reaches the limit while facing a batter the pitcher may continue to pitch during that inning until that batter reaches base or is put out.

All pitchers must adhere to the following rest requirements:

- If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) full calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 51-65 pitches in a day, three (3) full calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) full calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) full calendar day of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no rest is required.

A player in Juniors may be used as a pitcher in up to two games per day. However, if the player pitched 31 or more pitches in the first game that player may not pitch in the second game on that day. Note that if a player pitches 30 or fewer pitches in the first game, then that player may pitch in the second game for as many pitches as that pitcher has left for that day under the above rules. Pitcher's rest is based on days, not games.

Completion of pitching to batter

If a pitcher reaches the pitch count limit for their age, or day(s) of rest threshold while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base, the batter is retired, or the third out is made to complete the half inning. The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar day(s) of rest for the threshold he/she reached during that at bat, provided that pitcher is removed before delivering a pitch to another batter.

Note Rule 8.03 no more than eight warmup pitches shall be allowed at the beginning of each inning. Such preparatory pitches shall not consume more than one minute of time. If an emergency requires that a new pitcher be brought in who has had no opportunity to warmup, more than eight preparatory throws are allowed.

Pitcher to Catcher and Catcher to Pitcher

A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day (including a later game). A player who has played as a catcher in 4 or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch for the remainder of that day (including a later game). Note that catching one pitch in an inning counts as having played catcher for an inning.

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Tracking Pitch Counts

Each team is responsible for counting pitches for both teams. You may choose to use a pitch counter or pitch count sheet. You may have a coach or parent in the stands track pitches for your team.

Reconciling Pitch Counts

At the end of each inning, a coach from each team will meet near the home plate area and share their pitch counts for the previous two half innings. If there is a difference in the counts, an average of the two counts will be used. Each team is required to provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either manager or any umpire. However, a manager is responsible for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed. If a parent is tracking pitches, the coach should ask the parent to inform the coach when the pitch count maximum is reached. However, the coach is responsible for removing the player before the maximum pitch count is exceeded even if the parent forgets to inform the coach.

Eligible Pitchers

Prior to the game, during the pregame home plate meeting, each manager must provide the names of which players are ineligible to pitch that evening.

Substitute Players

If you have a substitute player, they can play anywhere in the field with the exception of pitcher and must bat last in the batting order.

Bats

Bats shall not be more than 34 inches in length nor more than 2 5/8 inches in diameter. Any bat with an alloy barrel (including those with composite handles) with these characteristics is a legal bat in VLL. Alloy bats are not restricted to -3 “drop” (weight - length). Any bat with a composite barrel must be labeled BBCOR, which will also restrict the bat to -3 “drop” (weight - length).

Composite Bats

Coaches (not umpires) will be responsible for ensuring that their players are not using any illegal composite bats. *Note that all composite barrel bats must meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be so labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color.* Coaches should check any new composite bats being used by their team before their use. Any disputes concerning composite bats used in games should be referred to the Verona Little League President and the VLL Executive Board.