

# MAJORS DIVISION BASEBALL RULES

*(Eatontown, Long Branch, & Shore Regional Little Leagues)*

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1. All Players are expected to be Little League age 11 or 12 unless the league has made exception based on the player's skill and ability.
2. Along with the Little League book rules, we will follow some additional rules.
3. The infield fly and drop 3<sup>rd</sup> strike rules apply at this level.
4. ALL GAMES AT ALL FIELDS HAVE A TWO-HOUR TIME LIMIT. NO NEW INNING CAN BE STARTED AFTER 1 HOUR 45 MINUTES FROM THE START OF THE GAME. EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO START THE GAME AT THE SCHEDULED TIME. EACH COACH SHOULD RECORD THE START TIME TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE.
5. A LEAGUE age 11 or younger must pitch one inning per game (or 3 consecutive defensive outs). It can be one LEAGUE age 11 or younger or combination of players that are LEAGUE age 11 or younger, but it must be one complete or consecutive inning. If one team does not have an eligible LEAGUE age 11 or younger to pitch, then neither team has to comply with this rule but THIS MUST BE STATED BEFORE THE GAME BEGINS. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a game forfeit. (If winning team is up 10 runs after 3 innings you must pitch your 11 year old for the 4<sup>th</sup> inning if you have not already pitch 3 outs with them)
6. Manager/Coaches MUST sign and verify the Pitching Affidavit at the end of each game BEFORE teams leave the field. Please contact the opposing Manager and League President if the form does not get signed after the game.
7. All Managers are required to update pitch counts into Game Changer or carry with them at all games the team pitching affidavit, which shall be kept up to date. Failure to produce the affidavit, when requested will result in a penalty: PENALTY: 1<sup>st</sup> offense-Warning by League President. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense- Manager will be suspended for the next game by the League.
8. All Managers are required to carry with them at all games an official team roster which shall include the League age of all players. PENALTY: 1<sup>st</sup> offense – Warning by League President. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – Manager will be suspended for the next game by President.
9. Game Cancellation: Coaches can only cancel games due to weather/field conditions. ANY OTHER REASON MUST GO THROUGH YOUR HOME TEAM'S LEAGUE PRESIDENT. Please remember that this must be done in a timely fashion, or it will not be allowed. NOTE: The day of the game is NOT in a timely fashion.
10. Game make up policy: Any game cancelled for a valid reason MUST be played by the Friday of the following week. The game should be played as soon as possible, but at the latest, the Fri of the following week. If the cancelled game is NOT played by the following Friday, of the originally scheduled game, then either team can contact the Home team's President (of the cancelled game) and that President will set the FIRST AVAILABLE date for that game, regardless of the schedule of either team. PENALTY-- Failure to play this rescheduled game will result in a forfeit by the team that is refusing to play this rescheduled game. (Games can be made up at later date with home team's president approval)