

2025 Fall Ball Rules (Intermediate)

1. Ages: It is required that players participate in the division they are likely to participate in during the 2026 spring season based on the 2026 Little League Age Chart.
2. Number of innings: Little League rule 4.10 will be followed for each division.
3. Time Limits
 - a. At the 2 hour mark, the last inning is called.
 - b. Keep the game moving – coaches and umpires can and should control the tempo
4. Complete game
 - a. All divisions will consider the game complete if the time limit is reached, called due to darkness or weather, or if the slaughter rule has been reached.
5. Scoring Limits
 - a. 5 runs maximum per inning, per team except the 7th inning. There will be no run limit in the last inning for either team but the maximum number of batters will be limited to the number of players in the lineup. The number of batters is based on the smaller lineup. The umpire will call the last inning based on time remaining.
6. Batting
 - a. All divisions – A continuous batting order will be used.
7. Minimum playing time
 - a. All divisions – 6 defensive outs.
8. Bats
 - a. The 2025 bat guidelines must be followed for all divisions
 - b. See Rule 1.10 and www.littleleague.org.com for bat guidelines.
9. Base running
 - a. Base runners may lead off
 - b. Batter may attempt to advance to unoccupied 1st base on dropped third strike and may attempt to advance to 1st base with 2 outs. (Rule 6.09b).
 - c. When there are 2 outs a pitcher or batter who is occupying a base as a runner may be substituted with a courtesy runner to speed up the game. The courtesy runner must be the last batted out.
10. Pitching
 - a. Maximum pitches allowed – 60 pitches or 9 outs whichever comes first
 - i. Pitchers may finish pitching to a batter without penalty if he/she has reached the pitch count threshold during the at bat. See Reg. VI(c)
 - ii. A pitcher that throws 41 or more pitches in a game may not play catcher. Pitch reversion allowed.
 - iii. A player that catches 4 innings may not pitch.
 - b. Balks – 1 balk warning per pitcher per game. The 2nd offense will result in a balk.
 - c. Walks - A pitcher upon hitting a third batter during a game, the pitcher will be immediately removed from the mound for the remainder of the game.
11. Player Eligibility
 - a. Pool players are allowed at all levels but may only pitch for the team on which they are rostered
 - i. The maximum number of pool players are:
 1. One if the team has 9 of their own players and the pool player may only play a maximum of 3 innings.
 2. Two if the team has 7 or 8 of its own players. If the team has 8 of its own players, the 2 pool players must substitute for each other
 - b. Players may not pitch in more than one game per day
12. The 2025 Little League “Blue Book” will be followed unless noted in this document. No league “House Rules” are allowed.