

**2011 COMBINATION LEAGUE RULES**  
**MAJOR BASEBALL DIVISIONS**

**Official rules of play are in the Little League Rule book.**

**Home team manager must report the final score, pitchers and pitch count on game day.  
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1. Weekday games start at 6:00 PM, except as noted on schedule. Weekend games start at the time listed on the schedule. A team may continue play with 8 players. Note: in hardship cases a minor league 10 or 11 year old player can be brought up for that one game only as long as that player is declared prior to game time and his minor league team does not have a game. Manager must notify coordinator and opposing manager if this will happen. This is not to exceed two minor league players; those players must meet the mandatory minimum playing requirements.
2. For postponements due to weather conditions, the home team manager should call the visiting team manager at least 2 hours prior to the game starting time to cancel. If you do not receive a call, your team should report to the field. Make-up games must be rescheduled at the time of postponement for the next available rain date or a date no later than the Sunday of that week. Contact combination coordinator for a decision if the game cannot be played by that Sunday.
3. Any team which knows that they will be unable to field enough players on the scheduled game day, must notify the Combination Coordinator and opposing manager at least 1 day before the game. This rule only applies to known school or church functions and .
4. Pregame: Home team normally practices until 45 minutes before game time  
Visiting team normally practices until 15 minutes before game time  
Line the field and exchange lineups from last 15 minutes before game time  
Under adverse conditions, both teams prepare field for game, available practice time is divided evenly for teams. Pre-game meeting verifies pitching eligibility from pitch count sheets.
5. **Home teams are responsible** for providing umpires, game baseballs, and keeping the official score and pitch counts for **all** pitchers. Umpires must be at least 16 year old.
6. Only the manager and 2 coaches as well as one score keeper (at least age 16) are permitted in the dugout during a game. Players, managers, and coaches remain in the dugout during the game.
7. The ten run rule shall apply to all games.
8. No local curfew rules are allowed. Prior to starting the game, the managers decide if field is in playing condition. Once game starts, it is in the umpire's discretion on when to call a game.
9. The host league's ground and smoking rules must be observed by all teams, participants and fans. Each team is responsible for cleaning their dugout at the end of the game.

10. For any protested games, protest committee shall consist of one representative from each league, either president or player agent. Protest should state the rule that was broken and must be lodged before umpires leave the field, umpire should be asked to sign the written protest, he does not have to sign the protest. Within 24 hours protesting manager notifies the Coordinator in writing or email (email is preferred).

11. Any player, coach or manager ejected from a game shall be suspended for the rest of that game and the following game. Notify combination coordinator via e-mail of all suspensions.

12. Pitching week is from Monday through Sunday, which usually is used for make-up games.

13. Teams must observe all LL guidelines regarding pitch count. The home team scorekeeper will hold the official pitch count for both teams. At the end of every half inning the game score and pitch count are verified with the plate umpire and both managers.

14. Team rosters are frozen after May 1.

**Collisions:** Base runner must avoid the tag, slide, return to previous base, or give-up as out in order to avoid a collision. If there is a collision, runner is called out. If the collision is deliberate, umpire may eject the runner from the game. On the other hand, a fielder that does not have the ball may not block the base path to create a collision or obstruction. If that happens, no out is called, and umpire awards any base(s) that runner would have reached if not impeded.

**Conduct code:**

- Coaches must sign code of conduct. Umpires are asked to enforce it.
- Any player, manager, or coach ejected from a game is suspended for the next game. Notify coordinator of any suspension.
- Fans on the playing field for any reason other than injury are ejected from the game.
- No one is permitted behind backstop.
- No smoking, observe host team rules. Each team cleans up its dugout after each game.
- Players and fans may cheer for their team only, until pitcher steps on the rubber and is ready to pitch. Badgering any player on the opposing team is not permitted.

Un-sportsmanlike conduct, profanity, or abusive language, from any player, coach, manager or fan is not tolerated. Managers / coaches are responsible for actions of their team and fans, and may be penalized for offenses.

- First offense—manager gets a written warning
- Second offense—manager is suspended for this game and next game.
- Third offense—manager is suspended for rest of season.

Fan may be asked to leave field for any offense.