

# Naperville Little League

## Major AA League Rules

These local rules (NLLB) along with Little League Baseball's 2024 playing rules are the official rules for all Naperville Little League regular season games. City Tournament rules may be different.

### Equipment

1. All male catchers are required to wear a protective cup.
2. Metal spikes are not allowed.
3. All bats used must display the USABaseball logo.
4. All helmets must be NOCSAE approved.
5. Catcher's gear must meet minimum Little League standards.

### Games

1. Games will be a maximum of 6 innings unless extended due to a tie score or two hours long. No new inning may start after 1 hour and 45 minutes. Tied games will continue play if there is no following game until a winner is determined unless shortened by lights being turned off. In the event of a tie game, the game shall be resumed at a later date.
2. Pitching limitations can be found in Regulation VI in the 2024 Little League Rule Book. Managers and coaches are required to become familiar with these regulations and adhere to them. Pitchers shall not pitch on three consecutive days regardless of pitch count from the previous days.
3. A continuous batting order will be used. Each player will bat in his/her spot regardless of his/her status in the defensive lineup. If a player is removed from the game due to illness or injury, his position in the batting order is skipped and the next batter shall bat. No out is recorded. If the player in question returns to the game, he/she shall be inserted back into his/her original position in the batting order.
4. If a team is winning by 10 runs at the end of the fourth inning (3 ½ if the home team leads), the game is complete.
5. Bunting is allowed. Slash bunting is illegal. Dead ball, batter is out. Runners return to the base occupied at time of pitch.
6. Only one intentional walk is allowed per game. The defense elects to Intentionally "Walk" the batter by announcing such decision to the plate umpire. The request may be made prior to or during the at-bat. The appropriate number of "balls" needed based on the count on the batter at the time of the manager's request to complete the Intentional Walk pitches will be added to the pitch count.
7. Suspended games due to weather, darkness or curfew will be resumed subject to Rule 4.11(a-d).
8. There is no "on deck" area. Only the batter is permitted outside the dugout with a bat between innings and before the game.
9. All players must play defensively every other inning. An inning is defined as three consecutive outs. If, within a game, a player does not meet those requirements, he/she will start the next scheduled game. Managers may be suspended for failure to enforce this rule.

10. Managers shall exchange batting orders for each game, consisting of all eligible players in attendance at the start of the game. Batting order cards shall contain: each player's full name and their number. If a player arrives late to a game, he/she shall be added to the end of the lineup order (if there were 10 on the original lineup, the late player bats in the number 11 spot on the original lineup).
11. Pinch runners are allowed for the catcher when there are two outs, also to replace an injured player. The player who made the last out shall become the replacement runner.
12. When "timeout" is requested by a manager or coach, they may not leave the dugout or coaching box until "timeout" is granted by the umpire. Note: a manager or coach saying "timeout" does not make it so. Only when the umpire grants "timeout", does it happen. The offensive team is allowed only one time out each inning.
13. Must Slide Rule. There is no "must slide" rule in Little League Baseball. Runners must slide or attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag. Runners do not have to slide if no play is being made at the base.
14. Visits to the mound. A manager or coach may come out twice in one inning to visit with the pitcher, but on the second visit, the player must be removed as a pitcher. A manager or coach may come out three times in one game to visit with the pitcher, but on the third visit, the player must be removed as a pitcher. Rule 8.06.
15. Batter throwing the bat. A safety warning shall be given to the batter and the team manager. After the warning if that batter throws the bat a second time, that player is removed from the game. The batter is not called out. The play will finish and then the player is removed from the game. If, for instance, he hits a double and two runs score: the runs count and the player is replaced at second with the player who made the last recorded out. If the incident occurs during an unfinished at bat, the player is removed and the next batter will bat and assume the current ball/strike count. The manager shall instruct the team in the proper method of discarding the bat after the ball is hit.
16. Tie games are not allowed. They will be rescheduled to be completed at a later date.
17. Speed-up Rule. The batter must maintain one foot in the batter's box between pitches unless the pitch is fouled off or if there is a wild pitch or passed ball.
18. NLLB reserves the right to make any changes in these rules and division structures as the Board of Directors deems necessary.