

# Naperville Little League

## Junior A League Rules

These local rules (NLLB) along with Little League Baseball's 2025 playing rules are the official rules for Naperville Little League Junior League (54-80) Regular Season games. City Tournament Rules may be different.

### Equipment

1. All male catchers are required to wear a protective cup.
2. Catchers' gear must meet minimum Little League standards.
3. Metal spikes are allowed.
4. All bats used must display the "USABaseball" or "BBCOR" logo.
5. All helmets must be NOCSAE approved.
6. Use of illegal equipment results in the ejection and suspension of the Manager and Player.

### Games

1. The Little League Junior Rule set will be used except as noted below.
2. Games will start at 6:00pm and will be a maximum of 7 innings unless extended due to a tie score and no new inning may start after 1 hour and 45 minutes. The clock starts when the defensive team takes the field for the first time. If a game is tied after 7 innings, and time permits, each team at the start of each half inning shall place a runner on 2B with one out and continue play. If the game is tied after reaching 1 hour and 45 minutes, it will be recorded as a tie.
3. Pitching limitations from the 2025 Little League Rule Book, page 67, will be adopted for 13 – 14-year-old pitchers where:
  - a A catcher who has played four (4) or more innings is ineligible to pitch on the same day
  - b Maximum number of pitches per calendar day as specified in Regulation VI c is 95
  - c Days of rest as specified in Regulation VI d where:
    - i 66-95 pitches in a day require four (4) calendar days of observed rest
    - ii 51-65 pitches in a day require three (3) calendar days of observed rest
    - iii 36-60 pitches in a day require two (2) calendar days of observed rest
    - iv 21-35 pitches in a day require one (1) calendar day of observed rest and
    - v 0-21 pitches in a day require no (0) calendar day of observed rest
4. If a Catcher catches four (4) or more innings in a game, the player is ineligible to pitch the same calendar day
5. Umpires will give each pitcher one balk warning each inning; if each pitcher balks a second time, in the same inning, the balk rule will be enforced.
6. 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.
7. If a team is winning by 10 runs after the 5th inning OR one team has a lead making it mathematically impossible for one team to tie or win the game, the game is officially over (4 ½, if it is the home team). Although the game is officially over, the teams may continue to play until they reach the time limit rule and runs scored do not count towards any tie-breaker rules. Pitches thrown do not count towards a pitcher's total or days of rest calculation.
8. Innings will end after 3 outs are recorded or after 5 runs are scored.
9. Suspended games due to weather, darkness or curfew will be resumed subject to Rule 4.11(a-d).

10. 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.
11. In Junior A it is legal to play with eight (8) players.
12. Every player during the season should play two (2) complete games. A complete game is defined as having played defensively in all innings and batting in all possible at bats.
13. Courtesy runners are allowed for the catcher and/or pitcher at any time during the inning, also to replace an injured player. The player who made the last out shall become the replacement.
14. 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.
15. NLLB reserves the right to make any changes in these rules and division structures as the Board of Directors deems necessary.