

Little League – Colorado District 4  
**2018 Minor Division Rules (including Interleague Rules)**

*The Minor League will use the Little League Rulebook, including the following:*

The home team supplies the baseballs, umpires and is the official scorebook and pitch count. Home scorekeeper must write “Official” on scorecard for that game.

A regulation game is **1 hour 45–minutes** and is played to the finish of that inning, regardless of score.

There will be a **five run** scored per team/per half inning maximum.

A manager or coach shall not leave the bench or dugout except to confer with a player or an umpire and only after receiving permission from an umpire. At least one adult manger or coach must be in the dugout at all times.

Coaches will prepare a batting order using every available player from their team. This batting order will be followed throughout the game regardless of which players are on the field defensively.

### **The Batter**

After entering the batter’s box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one foot throughout the at bat.

Exceptions:

1. On a swing, slap, or check swing.
2. When forced out of the box by a pitch.
3. When the batter attempts a “drag bunt”.
4. When the catcher does not catch the pitched ball.
5. When a play has been attempted.
6. When time has been called.
7. When the pitcher leaves the dirt area of the pitching mound or takes a position more than five feet from the pitcher’s plate after receiving the ball or the catcher leaves the catcher’s box.
8. On a three ball count pitch that is a strike that the batter thinks is a ball.

**PENALTY:** If the batter leaves the batter’s box or delays play and none of the exceptions apply, the umpire shall warn the batter. After one warning on a batter, the umpire shall call a strike. Any number of strikes can be called on each batter. No pitch has to be thrown, the ball is dead, and no runners may advance.

The on deck position **is not** permitted.

**The Runner:** The runner is out when –

- The runner slides head first while advancing.

Defensive substitutions may be made freely. A player may not sit out more than one inning defensively in a row unless it is for disciplinary reasons or injury. Coaches must communicate this with other team coaches and scorekeepers.

The offensive team shall station two base coaches on the field during its time at bat, one near first base and one near third base. The coaches shall not leave their respective dugout until the pitcher has completed his/her preparatory pitches to the catcher.

### **Equipment**

Bats – Rule 1.10 – Bats must meet the USA Baseball Bat Standard (USABat) as adopted by Little League. Bats shall bear the USA Baseball logo and the bat diameter shall not exceed 2 5/8 inches for these divisions of play.

The use of pine tar or any other similar adhesive substance is prohibited at all levels of Little League. Use of these substances will result in the bat being declared illegal and removed from play.

Batting doughnuts or weights are not allowed.

### **Pitchers**

A player who has attained the League Age of twelve (12) is not eligible to pitch in the Minor League.

Managers or coaches must not warm up a pitcher at home plate or in bullpen elsewhere at anytime. They may, however, stand by to observe a pitcher during warm up in the bullpen.

A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return as pitcher. Any player who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.

The catcher receiving one pitch to a batter in the fourth inning constitutes having caught four (4) innings. Warm-up pitches do not count toward innings caught.

A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.

**Pitch Count** – 75 pitches per day maximum.

- If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 51–65 or more pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 36–50 or more pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 21–35 or more pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 1–21 or more pitches in a day, no (0) calendar days of rest is required.