

Jefferson Count Little League

2026 Major League Baseball Local Rules

1. During the Major's Division Draft, the total of all the 12-year-old players in division will be totaled and divided by the number of teams in the division. This will then determine the number of 12-year-old players per team. If there is an uneven number of 12-year-old players, teams will be randomly selected to be required to draft an additional player. (For example, if there are 6 teams and 31 LA 12 players, each team will have to carry 5 LA 12 players and one team will be randomly selected to carry 6 LA 12 players).
2. If a team cannot field nine players, the manager must contact the JCLL Major's director with the reason and wait for JCLL Board approval to reschedule. When possible, the Manager must notify the opposing team Manager, and the Major League Director, at least three days before the scheduled game. In the event it is an inter-league game, the Major League Directors for both leagues must be notified. It is the responsibility of the Manager to notify all parties, including the Umpire-In-Chief. Failure to comply may result in a forfeit which will be determined by the Major League Director. Forfeited games are NOT made up, and the team which forfeits will receive a loss in the standings. In the case of inter-league, the determination will be made by the Major League Director for the home team.
3. Games must begin within ten minutes after the scheduled start time or availability of the scheduled field, whichever is later. This includes team warmups. If a team cannot field at least nine players within this time, a game may be forfeited by the plate umpire of the scheduled game. Refer to Little League rules 4.15, 4.16 and 4.17 relating to forfeits called by the umpire. The Major League Director must be notified by the Team Manager who cannot complete the game within 48 hours. In the case of inter-league, both Major League Directors shall be notified.
4. During a game, only official league members are allowed in the press box. Anyone sitting in the press box must not interfere with the game or cheer from the press box. If a non-official person wants to score the game, they can do so from the stands. During the regular season, no one will announce a game or play music without

league approval.

5. Pool Play: Use of pool players will follow little league rules. If a team knows they will be short player(s) for a game, the team manager must notify the major director, who works with the player agent, to follow the pool player list to see if enough player(s) can be found to field a team of nine players.
6. Teams may start a game if they only have 8 players, but the game shall not start if less than 8 players are available. If a team would start with only eight players, the ninth player will not be considered an automatic out during that teams at bat.
7. Each team shall be responsible for providing a record of pitching eligibility for their players which can be kept in one of two ways. The preference is to use the score book. The Pitching Eligibility Tracking form shall be signed by the opposing Manager and presiding Umpire at the conclusion of each game if used. The home scorekeeper will maintain the official pitch count for the game unless one has been provided by the league. If the pitch count is collected through Game Changer any corrections must be emailed to the Major Director immediately after the game.
8. Games should be scored on the league Game Changer for each team. If the game cannot be scored by one team or the other on Game Changer, the score of the game and all pitch counts must be reported to the Majors Director within 24 hours of the game by the home team.
9. Fields will be lined and verified to be safe and playable prior to each game. The home team is responsible to ensure that the field is ready. The home plate umpire will make the decision on the condition of the field to determine if the game will be played. If the game cannot start within 30 minutes of the original scheduled game time, or 30 minutes after the ending of the previous game, including inclement weather conditions, then the game will be rescheduled for another day. This will allow the following games to be played on time if field conditions and weather permit. If there are no regularly scheduled games to be played after the game in question, the 30-minute time limit may be waived at the discretion of the home plate umpire.
10. In the event of inclement weather, the Fields and Facility Manager (or their designated Board of Director member(s)), will access field conditions and make a decision to open or close the fields. Notification will be made as soon as practicable

and posted on the website, message on JCLL phone, Facebook, Twitter and email/text message as appropriate.

11. All rained out games will be rescheduled on the following Saturday. Unless a team is already scheduled for a double header. If a team cannot field a team, a forfeit will happen.
12. In the event a game is suspended by the home plate umpire due to thunder, lightning or rain, play may not resume until 30 minutes after the last lightning sighting. If the game cannot resume after 30 minutes, the umpire may call the game. If play cannot resume within 45 minutes, the game must automatically be called by the umpire. The game will be rescheduled and will resume under Little League Rule 4.10.
13. Pursuant to amended Little League Tournament Rule 3(a), during regular season play batters will not be penalized with a strike when leaving the batter's box and are not in accordance with one of the exceptions listed in the rule. However, batters will be warned by the umpire when in violation to encourage adherence to the rule, because it will be enforced during Little League tournament play.
14. There will be no post game meetings on the field (if a game is following). Each team shall immediately vacate the field upon completion of the game. This includes all their belongings off the field and out of the dugouts. The teams may have a meeting elsewhere within the complex as space permits.
15. Each team is responsible for field maintenance after completion of each game. The Home team is responsible for raking the field after the game. The Visiting Team is responsible for emptying all trash cans at their field, picking up trash around both sets of bleachers. Each team is responsible for cleaning out their dugout. This also applies for inter-league games. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action against the team Manager.
16. All disputes must be presented to the Major League Director, in writing, within 48 hours. The dispute will be settled by the Major League Director within 30 days of notification. If necessary, the Major League Director shall discuss the dispute with the Board of Directors to determine resolution. The decision of the Major League Director and/or Board of Directors will be provided to all involved parties within the 30 days. In the event the dispute involves inter-league play, both Major League

Directors shall be notified.

17. All Managers shall turn in their scorebooks to the Player Agent within one week of their last regular season game. The Major League Director will provide to the Player Agent for standing verification.
18. In the event of a tie between two or more JCLL teams at the end of the season, the best record for games played between the tied teams will determine the standings (runs for / against ratio).

Example – There is a standings tie between Team A and Team B. Team A played Team B three times during the season. The record: Team A was 2-1 and Team B was 1-2. The overall champion would be Team A who had a better record against Team B.

19. Failure to comply with Little League and Local Rules, the Manager and/or Coach(s) may be brought before the Board of Directors for disciplinary action. The punishment will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors which could result in not being allowed to coach or manage an all-star team, regardless of overall record.