



2025 House Rules

Minors National League

1. All rules as per 2025 Little League Rules except as amended herein.
2. Dropped third strike rule and the Infield Fly rule will **NOT** be observed by FCLL in Minors National.
3. FCLL has received a waiver allowing Junior Umpires to work games for Minors, Majors (without an adult umpire) and there will be a **zero-tolerance** policy in place for any verbal abuse of these umpires by parents, managers, and players. We will hold the Manager responsible for any parents, grandparents and/or players who do not adhere to this policy.
4. Chinstraps or Face Guards on helmets are recommended but not mandatory. If a chin strap is worn it must be done up. Athletic cups are mandatory. Catchers must also wear long model chest protectors, shin guards, full helmets and throat protectors.
5. Warm up pitches to begin the 1st inning of each game (for both the visitor and home team) are limited to 7 per pitcher.
6. Warm up pitches between innings are limited to 5 per pitcher.
7. Only the Manager can call for time to speak with the Umpire.
8. Sunflower seeds (aka Spitz) are not allowed or in the dugout on the field they are a distraction to the players and could become a safety issue.

Pitching

All Little League Canada pitching and catching rules shall be followed at all times throughout the regular season and playoffs.

Number of Pitches

Below are the maximum numbers for pitches in a game for a single player:

- Month of April & May: 35 max per game
- Month of June & Playoffs: 50 max per game

Days of Rest

Below are the days of rest which must be given to a player after they have pitched in a game:

- 1-20 Pitches = 0 Days Rest
- 21-35 Pitches = 1 Day Rest
- 36-50 = 2 Days Rest
- 51-65 = 3 Days Rest

Time Limits & Scoring

1. No new innings shall begin after 8:30pm.
 - a. For the playoffs only one inning can start after 8:30pm and once that inning is finished then the game is considered complete. Teams must complete 4 innings for game to be official or 3.5innings if the home team leading. If not complete, the Director is to be contacted to arrange a time for game completion.
 - b. The Umpire will determine which watch/clock will determine the official game time.
 - c. The mercy rule is in effect; i.e. the game is over after 4 innings if one team is leading by 10 or more runs (3.5 innings if it's the home team leading by 10).
2. Tie games are allowed during the regular season but not during playoffs.
3. The Visiting Team for each game is the official Pitch Counter and is responsible for inputting the pitching names and respective pitch counts utilized by both teams into the official Pitch Count Google doc provided by the League Director.
4. The Home Team is the official Score Keeper and must email the score to the League Director and copy the opposing Manager.
5. Playoffs are TBD.