

Hybrid (8 yr old) Player Pitch Hybrid Rules

(8U tournament team rules apply)

Updated 2024

Regular Season AAA Minors (9-10) rules apply. With the following changes:

- Each team is limited to five runs in an inning. We will play the final inning to three outs. Continuous batting order.
- A team can play with eight players. There will be no out for the missing player. Any player arriving after the game has started is added to the bottom of the lineup. No penalty for missing mandatory time in the field if arriving after the third inning is completed.
- Courtesy runner for pitcher/catcher with two outs. This is for the pitcher or catcher of record at the time of the play. The last recorded out will be the courtesy runner. We do not permit, "He is catching the next inning, so we will run for him now."
- All players must play the field 1 inning prior to the 4th inning.
- No stealing at all, no advancing on wild pitches, and no advancing on passed balls. We want the players to be batted around the bases.
- **OVERTHROW RULE** Any overthrow will result in a 1 base maximum advancement by all runners on the offensive team. All runners are live and advance at their own risk. If a runner is tagged off the base at any time they are out. Multiple overthrows do not apply so a second overthrow on a play does not allow runners to advance again.
- A coach may be placed behind the catcher to retrieve pitched balls getting past the catcher.
- Ignore the infield fly rule. There is no such thing as "ordinary effort" for this age group.
- Amended Mercy rule will apply. (10 runs after 4 innings; 4 turns at bat for the trailing team)

Pitching

- Will follow all 8yr old Little League Pitching rules for rest days and max pitches
 - 50 Pitches Max Per Day
 - 0-20 pitches thrown require 0 days rest
 - 21-35 pitches thrown require 1 day rest
 - 36-50 pitches thrown require 2 days rest
 - Hybrid gameplay will consist of the following
 - Player Pitchers will throw a max of five pitches to a batter; if an out or hit is not recorded the opposing team's manager will step in and pitch. Coach Pitch Pitching Rules will apply (5 pitches / count resets) while that child plays "pitcher position in the field" Minors (9-10) rules for fielding, batter and runners will still apply
- *** 3-2 count exception** – Coaches can allow a pitcher to finish a batter with a 3-2 count but pitches count toward the Coach Pitch Pitching Rules (5 pitch max)
- There are No Pickoffs, No walks or No HBP.
 - Coaches should use judgment for pitchers throwing wild and hitting batters in a game.
 - If a pitcher hits 3 batters in a game the pitcher should be removed.