

2023 Minors Playoff Rules (June 9th – 26th)

1. Teams must play with a minimum of 7 players. Teams can only call across players if they have less than 7 players.
2. All pitchers must pitch from the rubber on the mound at all times. There is no “chalk line” used in playoff games.
3. The pitcher **does not** have to be replaced after 3 consecutive walks.
4. All players must sit one inning (3 defensive outs) before any player sits twice as stated in the house league rules. The only exception is a player pitching consecutive innings. In this situation, the pitcher must sit (3 defensive outs) after they leave the mound.
5. The umpire will declare the last inning as an open inning with a maximum of 10 runs per team. The open inning will be the first inning after 1 hour and 30 minutes from first pitch. All other innings will conclude at 5 runs or 3 outs.
6. If after 4 innings the visiting team or 3 ½ innings the home team is ahead by 10 runs the game is final. This may mean that no open inning is played. This is Little League Rule (4.10(e)).
7. No extra innings will be played in Round Robin games. Round Robin games can end in a tie. Extra innings will be played in the quarterfinals, semifinals, and championship games.
8. Ties in Round Robin standings will be broken by the following rules to determine which team places higher
 - a. Head-to-head Round Robin record of the teams involved in the tie
 - b. Runs Allowed Ratio (RAR): Number of runs allowed divided by number of defensive innings played. The team(s) with the lower RAR will advance.
9. Following the Round Robin, the top four teams from each division will advance to the quarterfinals in a crossover format.
10. The winners of the quarterfinal games will advance to the semifinals, and winners of semifinals will advance to the championship game.
11. The home team for quarterfinal and semifinal games will be the higher-seeded teams from the round robin.
12. The home team for the championship game will be determined by the best win-loss record of all playoff games, then Runs Allowed Ratio if both teams have the same record.

| Division A (North) | Division B (South) |
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| Athletics | Mets |
| Cardinals | Yankees |
| Orioles | Mariners |
| Pirates | Marlins |
| Expos | Red Sox |
| Blue Jays | Royals |