

# AAA SKILLS DEV. BASEBALL

## Dates to Remember

Thurs March 16	Team Draft/Equipment Handout 6:00PM
Mon. March 21st	Coach Meeting 6PM-7:30
Thurs. March 24th	Team Parent Meeting 7:00PM - 9:00PM
Mon. March 28	Mandatory Coach's First Aid Clinic/Twin Lottery 6PM- 9PM
Sat. April 16th	Park Clean Up Day *Back up date is 4/23 if inclement weather on 4/16.*
Wed. April 14th	Mandatory Coach Meeting 6PM- League Office
Sat. April 30th	Home Opener
Sat. May 14th	Picture Day
June 10th (tentative)	MN Twins Night
July/Aug TBD	State Tournament

*All Dates Subject to Change*

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## LEAGUE RULES AAA BASEBALL

1. Age limit for AAA Baseball is 8 (only if completed 2 yrs. of CPBB) & 9 years old as of August 31, 2022.
2. The home team is responsible for providing an Emergency Umpire. The Emergency Umpire will be compensated for each game. Each manager must meet at home plate 5 minutes prior to game time to discuss the ground rules.
3. A team will be comprised of 10 Players in the field.
4. **All Players must play at least 4 innings in the field with a minimum of 2 innings of infield play. 1 of the required infield innings must occur within the first 3 innings for every player in case a game ends due to time limit.**
5. **Batting will be round-robin.** No line up changes are allowed after the start of the game. **We require a rolling batting order all season long**
6. No Player shall be allowed to play more than 9 outs at the same position during any game.
7. **3 outs or 5 runs scored ends an inning.**
8. **Stealing will no longer be allowed in this league.**
9. **There will no longer be walks.** After a 4th ball is pitched, we will implement soft toss. The purpose is to get the ball into play. Once soft toss is implemented, a batter will get 3 tosses from the coach regardless of what the pitch count was prior to soft toss. If the 3rd toss is hit and a foul ball, then they can get another toss until it is hit into play or a missed swing. If a player stands there for all 3 and does not swing, it is the same as a strikeout.
10. **Base running:**
  - No leading off.
  - A runner is out if he does not slide OR attempt to get around the fielder who HAS THE BALL waiting to make the tag. If the defender DOES NOT have possession of the ball and a collision occurs as he steps into the path of the runner as he attempts to catch a thrown ball, there is not a penalty unless the Umpire judges the collision to be deliberate and malicious.

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11. Game duration for AAA Baseball will be 1 hr. & 45min. or 6 innings. No full innings to start after the 1:45 min. limit. Innings started should be completed unless darkness sets in, then the score will revert to last complete inning. (Darkness factor is up to the Umpires and Coaches' discretion).
12. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. All incidents should be reported for Board review.
13. Base Coaches may be 2 adults.
14. **Opposing teams and Coaches will shake hands with each other and with the Umpire after the game.**
15. All Coaches will be responsible to organize 90 minutes of practice time per week.
16. **Pitching: Each pitcher may pitch only 3 consecutive outs per game or 35 pitches whichever comes first. A pitcher who reaches 35 pitches in the middle of an at bat may finish the at bat.**
  - Any Player on a regular season team may pitch. (NOTE: There is no limit to the number of pitchers a team may use in a game.) We encourage coaches to allow ALL kids that want to and are able, to pitch during the games.
  - A Player may not pitch in more than one game in a day.
  - If a Player pitches more than 20 pitches, he may not pitch the following day.
  - The pitchers mound should be 46', Coaches may NOT have Players throw a pitch closer than 46'

### NOTES:

- a. The withdrawal of an ineligible pitcher after the pitcher is announced, or after a warm-up pitch is delivered, but before that Player has pitched a ball to a batter, is not a violation. Little League officials are urged to take precautions to prevent protests. When a protest situation is imminent, the potential offender should be notified immediately.
  - b. Pitches delivered in games declared "Regulation Tie Games" or "Suspended Games" shall be charged against pitcher's eligibility.
  - c. In suspended games resumed on another day, the pitcher of record at the time the game was halted may continue to pitch to the extent of their eligibility for that day.
17. Games are played with 10 Players on the field (4 outfielders across; no short-fielders allowed).
  18. In the event of a rainout or inclement weather, a game is considered complete after 4 innings, 3-1/2 innings if the home team is winning.
  19. The visiting team shall occupy 1st base and have infield from 5:30PM-5:45PM. The home team shall occupy 3rd base and have infield from 5:45PM-6:00PM.
  20. The home team is responsible for setting out the bases and bringing the bases in off the field and making sure that bases and Umpire gear are secured in the lock box located at each field. At Carl Eck & Lexington Park, bases must be brought to the building.
  21. Home teams are the official pitch counters for each game.
  22. **Rule 1.10 – Baseball**

The bat must be a baseball bat which meets the USA Baseball Bat standard (USABat) as adopted by Little League. It shall be a smooth, rounded stick, and made of wood or of material and color tested and proved acceptable to the USA Baseball Bat standard (USABat).

**Beginning with the 2018 season, non-wood and laminated bats used in the Little League (Majors) and below, shall bear the USA Baseball logo signifying that the bat meets the USABat – USA Baseball's Youth Bat Performance Standard. All BPF – 1.15 bats will be prohibited beginning with the 2018 season & moving forward. Additionally, starting in 2018, the bat diameter shall not exceed 2 $\frac{5}{8}$  inches for these divisions of play. Additional information is available at [LittleLeague.org/batinfo](http://LittleLeague.org/batinfo).**

It shall not be more than 33 inches in length, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed sixteen (16) inches from the small end.

**NOTE:** Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.

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23. Use of the traditional batting donut is not permissible.

24. An illegal bat must be removed. Any bat that has been altered shall be removed from play. An **ILLEGAL BAT** is a bat that has been altered or a bat that is not approved for play because it does not meet specifications with regard to length, weight, barrel diameter, labeling or performance standard for the division in which it is used. **Summary and Implementation:** For the 2022 season, this defines an illegal bat for the purpose of rule 6.06(d). As a result, a bat that is, for instance, cracked or damaged because of normal use, would not be considered "illegal" and could not result in the batter being called out for using it, but it still must be removed from play.

**\*\*\*With the change in bats from 2018, All coaches must check before each game to make sure their own players have legal bats. If a player uses an illegal bat, then the coach of the player will be ejected from the game.\*\*\***

25. A batter is out for illegal action when - (d) The batter enters the batter's box with one or both feet entirely on the ground with an illegal bat (see bat specifications rule 1.10) or is discovered having used an illegal bat prior to the next Player entering the batter's box. **Note:** If the infraction is discovered before the next Player enters the batter's box following the turn at bat of the Player who used an illegal bat: 1) The manager of the defense may advise the plate Umpire of a decision to decline the penalty and accept the play. Such election shall be made immediately at the end of the play. 2) For the first violation, the offensive team will lose one eligible adult base Coach for the duration of the game. 3) For the second violation, the manager of the team will be ejected from the game. Any subsequent violation will result in the newly designated manager being ejected.

26. Players are not allowed to wear jewelry during games or practices. An exception to this rule is for medical alert jewelry.

### **Be a Good Neighbor!**

Our organization has a wonderful relationship with the cities who own the parks we use and the residents who surround those parks. This relationship is a main reason for our success in providing the best opportunities available for our participants. Please remember to be a good neighbor when at the fields. You can do this by leaving the fields in the same - or better - shape than they were before your time there by picking up any litter in the area, making sure the fields are clear of equipment and that bases are put away in lockboxes, and by respecting the private property boundaries of the residents surrounding the field by not intruding into private yards or using private driveways for parking or turn-around points. CLLL, the cities who own the parks and perhaps most importantly, our friends and neighbors who live adjacent to the fields appreciate your consideration and thank you for being good neighbors!