



2025 AAA (LHLL / LBLL / LNLL) Interleague Approved Rules – Adaptations and Options

Rule adaptation #1: No player shall sit out defensively for more than 1 consecutive inning. Exceptions can be made for injury and/or illness.

Rule adaptation #2: Maximum time limits for games per the following:

A) No maximum time limit for AAA, however, if another game is scheduled on the same field, the game must end 20 minutes prior to the next game start time.

B) For AAA games at Riddle Field with a two hour time slot (i.e., weekday games with scheduled 4:30p start), there will be no new innings allowed after 1 hr 45 minutes of play per Rule 4.10(c)(2).

Determining “final” inning: Before the start of the 5th inning, the umpire and managers shall meet to agree whether the next inning will be the final (“unlimited run”) inning [per Rule 5.07]. If no agreement is reached in the meeting, the right to declare the next inning as the final (unlimited run) inning will be determined by:

- (i) the team with fewer runs scored, i.e., the “trailing” manager; or
- (ii) if the score is tied, the umpire. If there is no decision to make the 5th inning the final inning, then neither team is entitled to an unlimited run inning if the 1:45 time limit is reached during that inning.

*Games will follow Rule 4.10 for determination and final scoring of regulation games.

LHLL Local League Rule Option Selections (Agreed for Interleague Play w/ LBLL / LNLL):

- Rule 3.04 and 7.14(b): Leagues will allow courtesy runners for pitchers and catchers.
- Rule 4.04: LHLL will use the continuous batting order for all divisions.
- Rule 4.10(e): Leagues will follow the 15 / 10 / 8 run rule.
- Rule 4.16: Leagues will allow games to be started and/or continued with 8 or more players; no penalty for skipping over the missing 9th player in batting order.
- Rule 4.19(g): Minor Divisions - Leagues will require protests to be resolved before the next pitch/play.
- Rule 5.07: Minor Divisions - Leagues will suspend the 5-run rule for the last half-inning for either team.
- Rule 6.02(c): Leagues will require batters to keep one foot in the batter’s box throughout the at-bat (listed exceptions are okay).
- Rule 6.05(b)(2): Majors Division - Leagues will not elect to apply the Minor Division (AAA) and Tee Ball rule for third strike not caught by the catcher.
- Rule 9.01(d): Leagues will not allow the stealing of signs.
- Rule 9.04(a): Leagues will allow the plate umpire to stand behind the pitcher if desired.