



2024 California District 47 TOC

Points of Emphasis

Except where noted in the following, the Little League regular season (not Tournament) playing rules will apply.

- 10 minutes after game time maximum waiting on the 8th player – call game.
- **No** time limit.
- Continuous batting order is used for all divisions. 9 defensive players in the field.
- Minor Division Only - 5-run rule remains in effect each ½ inning except for the last half inning for each team.
- 15-year-olds can play Juniors. They may pitch.
- Courtesy runner for pitcher/catcher is allowed; Special Pitch Runner (SPR) not allowed due to continuous batting order.
- 15-run, 10-run and 8-run rules are in effect.
- 8-pitches or 1 minute between each ½ inning (hustle on and off the field)
- 3 adults allowed, 1 must remain in the dugout with the players at all times.
- If less than 3 adults, a player with a helmet allowed to coach a base.
- Catcher must have a mask/helmet when coach is hitting ground balls (taking infield).
- Anytime a player swings a bat they must have a helmet on.
- Ejections/disciplinary action will carry over to the next played game, including All Stars.

(a) Baseball: Minor/Major Baseball Divisions: pitchers once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers.

Intermediate (50/70) Division/Junior/Senior Baseball: A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher any time in the remainder of the game, but only once per game.

(c) Softball: a pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game but only once in the same inning.

Minor/Major Softball Divisions: A pitcher, withdrawn from the game for a substitute defensively, may not re-enter the game as a pitcher.

Junior Softball Division: A pitcher may be withdrawn from the game defensively, and return as pitcher once per inning provided the return does not violate either the substitution, visits per pitcher, or mandatory play rule(s)

Since all players in the continuous batting order are considered starters, free substitution may be used. The umpire has sole discretion to decide if such substitution is delaying the game to an unacceptable level.

Mandatory play is one time at bat and six (6) defensive outs, the outs do **NOT** need to be consecutive.

Penalty: The players(s) involved shall start the next scheduled game, play any previous requirement not completed, and the requirements for this game before being removed. *Note 2: ...the penalty in this regulation regarding the player who did not meet mandatory play cannot be reduced or waived in a shortened game.*



Rule 7.08 Any runner is out when –

(a)(3) the runner does not slide or attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag.

INTENTIONAL WALK (Baseball all division)

Rule 6.08(a)(2) The defense (manager) elects to “Intentionally Walk” the batter by announcing such decision to the plate umpire at any time prior to or during the at-bat.

Note 2: The ball is dead, no runners may advance unless forced. Appropriate number of balls needed based on the count on the batter to complete the Intentional Walk will be added to the pitch count.

INTENTIONAL WALK (Softball – all divisions)

Rule 6.08(a)(2) The defense (manager) elects to “Intentionally Walk” the batter by announcing such decision to the plate umpire any time prior to or during the at-bat.

Note 2: The ball is dead, no runners may advance unless forced.

Softball Only - Rule 8.01 and 8.05 Penalty – Extends the revised penalty for an illegal pitch to the Junior and Senior Softball Divisions.

- **PENALTY:** The penalty imposed for violation of all subsections of rule 8.01, with the exception of subsection (i), is an illegal pitch. Violation of (i) is ruled as a No Pitch. The pitch shall be called a ball. If a play follows the illegal pitch, the manager of the offense may advise the plate umpire of a decision to decline the illegal pitch penalty and accept the play. Such election shall be made immediately at the end of the play. However, if the batter hits the ball and reaches first base safely, and if all base runners advance at least one base on the action resulting from the batted ball, the play proceeds without reference to the illegal pitch.

Chanting, Walk-up Music, etc. Guidelines

Walk-up music, chanting or other such things done by a team that interferes with the other team’s players, especially the pitcher and batter, falls under sportsmanship (though specific instances may be interpreted by the umpire as interference.) D47 guidelines are that music is off, and chanting or loud noises are diminishing when the pitcher “toes the rubber or pitcher’s plate”. An offending team should be warned, after a 2nd warning, the umpire should have the team keep the music off or stop the chanting or noise-making altogether. If this continues, an offending player and/or manager may be ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Note that this is solely the umpire's judgment.