

## **MLLB Post Season Tournament Rules**

At the end of every Spring season, MLLB has an end of the season tournament. This is a fun time and gives the players a sense of what it is like to be in a tournament and potentially win the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy indicating how well they performed.

It is important to note that a pitching log **MUST** be maintained just like in the regular season. The pitching log will serve as a pitching affidavit for all pitchers that pitch in the tournament. Failure to maintain this pitching log can result in forfeiture of a tournament game. The pitching log can be found on the MLLB website.

### **Time Limit and Run Rules:**

Regular season time limit and run rules remain in effect; the 10 run mercy rule does apply for coach pitch games as well in this tournament. The only exception is the time limit rule is not in effect during championship games. All championship games for Majors and below are full 6 inning games; however, all run rules still apply. The Juniors championship game is 7 innings.

### **Pitching Rules – MKP, Minors, Majors, & Juniors**

Regular season pitching rules will remain in effect. Pitching rules outlined in the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules handbook (section VI) shall be observed.

Pitch counts will not carry over from the regular season to the tournament. In other words, the tournament is a new season; all pitchers start with a clean slate.

If a game is suspended by darkness, weather or other causes and is resumed on another day, Rule 4.h found in the tournament section of the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules handbook shall be observed in order to determine pitch count when the game resumes.

### **Tournament Protests:**

Protests will be based on adherence to Little League Rule 4.19. The coach making the protest should contact the appropriate commissioner as soon as possible. The commissioner may consult with other MLLB board members; once a decision is made on a protest, it is final.

### **Game Conclusion:**

Games cannot end in a tie. Games that are tied after time has expired or after 6 innings will play additional innings until the tie is broken. The additional innings will be played using the following parameters: Each half inning starts with one out and with the team on offense placing their last batter from the previous inning on second base.

## **Mandatory Play: All Divisions**

Regular season mandatory play rules will be in effect during the post season tournament.

### **Home Team Determination (MKP, Minors, Majors, & Juniors):**

The home team will be the team that has the highest seed in the bracket as determined by their finish during the regular season. For example, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team is playing the 7<sup>th</sup> place team; the home team is the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team since it has the number 2 seed and is seeded higher than the 7<sup>th</sup> place team. The only exception to this is in a double elimination tournament when the one loss team plays a team with no losses. The team with no losses is always the home team when playing a team that has one loss regardless of seeding.

### **Home Team Determination (Coach Pitch):**

Since there are no standings kept in Coach Pitch, a coin flip prior to the start of the game will determine the home team. This also applies to all championship games.

## **FAQ:**

Q1. Can the opposing head coach ask to see my pitching log?

A1. Yes, it is recommended that you keep your pitching log attached to the inside cover of your scorebook; your scorekeeper(s) should maintain it, and this includes getting the opposing coach to sign it after the game.

Q2. What happens if you do not properly maintain your pitching log or are unable to provide your pitching log to an opposing coach?

A2. The game should be played as normal. The appropriate commissioner should then be immediately notified. The commissioner and MLLB board will review and provide a ruling as soon as possible. League rulings are final.

Q3. What happens if I use an ineligible pitcher during a tournament game?

A3. If you use an ineligible pitcher and the other team protests, in most all cases, it results in a forfeit. The commissioner and MLLB board will review and provide a ruling as soon as possible. League rulings are final.