

## West Seattle Little League Minors Manager Information

### **Pitching Counts, Eligibility & Days Rest**

Pitching eligibility will be in accordance with Regulation VI of the official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball. League Age Pitch Counts Allowed per Day are summarized below:

League age	Pitch Counts
11	35 pitches per game or 3 consecutive outs, whichever occurs first
9-10	75
7-8	50

If a pitcher reaches the pitch-count limit for their age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base, the batter is retired, or the third out is made to complete the half-inning. Pitching Restrictions for Minor League Age 11 year olds (WSLL By-Law): League Age 11 year olds playing in the Minors division will be limited to either 35 pitches or 3 consecutive defensive outs, whichever occurs first, per game.

League Age 12 year olds are not allowed to pitch in Minors per Little League Regulation VI (j).

Days Rest Requirements Pitchers: Minors Pitchers league age 10 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:

If a player pitches in a day	Calendar Days Rest Required
66-75	4
51-65	3
36-50	2
21-35	1
1-20	0

Note: If a pitcher reaches a day(s) of rest threshold while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occur: (1) that batter reaches base, (2) that batter is retired, or (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning of the game. The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar day(s) of rest for the threshold he/she reached during that at-bat, provided that pitcher is removed or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter.

**Pitching & Catching:** If a player has played the position of catcher in four or more innings in a game, that player is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day. Receiving one or more pitches at the position of catcher constitutes an inning of play at that position. Warming up a pitcher prior to the start of inning does NOT constitute playing an inning at the catcher position. Any pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game may not go behind the plate to play catcher for the remainder of the day.

Managers- Please review Regulation VI – Pitchers in the Little League Rulebook.

Minors Division in WSLL uses Continuous Batting Order for regular and tournament games. Continuous Batting Order rules are listed in Rule 4.04 of the Little League Rulebook.

**Injured Player Rule:** With Continuous Batting Order, per Rule 4.04 Note 2: When a player is injured, becomes ill, or must leave the game site after the start of the game, the team will skip over him/her when

his/her time at bat comes up without penalty. If the injured, ill, or absent player returns he/she is merely inserted into their original spot in the batter order and the game continues.

**Slug Bunt Rule:** WSLI By-Law: In the interest of safety, WSLI has made slug/fake bunts illegal. A batter who attempts a slug/fake bunt is out for an illegal action.

**Pool Players Summary:** Full pool player rules are in the bylaws, important notes: Pool players may not pitch or catch. Pool players are placed at the bottom of the batting order.

The Minors Division will follow the official regulation and playing rules as defined by Little League International, with the following exceptions to Minimum Playing Times. These exceptions only apply to Regular Season games, and are allowed as they constitute an increase above the minimum playing times required by Little League International (LLI).

The following changes apply to Regular season play only:

- Increase minimum play to 9 defensive outs (3 inning) minimum.
  - 6 of the 9 defensive outs (2 innings) must be consecutive.
- Both starters and substitutes may re-enter the game on defense
  - Note: A pitcher may not re-enter the game once a pitcher has been removed.
- Continuous batting order. All players present at the start of the game will be placed into the batting order. Players showing up late for the game shall be inserted into the bottom of the batting order.

The WSLI Bylaws state the following for the Minors End of Season (EOS) tournament:

- Minimum playing time on defense will follow LLI rule 3.03(b). (6 consecutive out minimum)
- Continuous batting order is still in effect for EOS tournament for Minors.
- The league will hold a double elimination end of season tournament to determine the league champions.
- The draw for each tournament will be based on regular season standings. The tournament brackets will be taken from the Little League website.
- Pitch counts, days rest, and 5-run maximum for innings 1 thru 5 for Minors apply for the end of season tournament.
- League Age 11 year olds pitching in the Minors division will be limited to either 35 pitches or 3 consecutive defensive outs, whichever occurs first, per game as in the regular season.
- The winner of the EOS Tournament will represent the League in the District 7 Tournament of Champions. If the winner is unable to field a complete team, then the second place team will become the representative in the Tournament of Champions.