

## GCAA Baseball Rules Overview

Spring 2026 Edition (Regular Spring Season)

GCAA League	Rookie	Atlantic	Texas	Pacific	Tropicana***	Central	National
GC Grade	Pre-K	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th & 6th
Little League Division	Tee Ball			Minor (Coach Pitch)		Minor	Major
GCAA Pitching Modification	Coach can also soft toss			Players try then coach		Player Only	Player Only
Eligible for LL Tourney	No			No		Yes	Yes
LL Ages Allowed (age as of 8/31 of current year)	4-7			7-12			9-12
Continuous Batting Order	Yes			Yes			Yes*
Game Length	Clinic + 2 innings		4 innings	6 innings			6 innings
Half-Inning Over When	Everyone bats**			3 outs or bat order or 5 runs			3 outs
Time Limit (finish inning)	1.5 hrs			1.75 hrs*			1.75 hrs*
Run Rule	N/A			15/3, 10/4, 8/5			15/3, 10/4, 8/5
Scoring, Standings & Playoffs	No			No standings or playoff	Random playoff seed	Yes	Yes
Umpires	Coaches			Coaches	Teens	Plate Ump	Plate Ump
Face Mask or Jaw Guard	Recommend			Require**			Require**
Max Infielders	Unlimited			6**			6**
Min-Max Fielders	7+			7** to 10**			7** to 10**
Dropped 3rd Strike	N/A			No			No*
Infield Fly Rule	No			No**		Yes	Yes
Bunts Allowed	No			No**		Yes	Yes
Steals Allowed	No			No		1 base/batter & not home**	Yes
Walks Allowed	N/A			No**		Yes, but no intentional**	Yes
Tag Ups Allowed	No**			No**		Yes	Yes
Illegal pitches called (penalty is a ball)	N/A			No**		Yes, after warning	Yes, after warning
Advance on Overthrow	No**			No**	One Base**	Yes	Yes
Protests Allowed	No			Resolve before next pitch*			Yes
Pitcher removed after hitting batters	N/A			2/inning or 3/game**			Coach discretion

\*GCAA has adopted this as a "Local League Option" as permitted in the Little League Rulebook

\*\*GCAA has adopted this as a "Ground Rule" to promote safety, development, and fairness (may not agree with LL rulebook)

\*\*\*Note the 3rd Grade league is renamed from "Minor League" to "Tropicana League" to avoid confusion with Little League's "Minor Division"