

# HALF MOON BAY LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

## MAJORS DIVISION LOCAL RULES

### 2026 SEASON

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*This document defines the Half Moon Bay Little League (HMBLL) Local Rules for the Majors Division. The Local Rules have been adopted by the HMBLL Board of Directors as additions to the rules and regulations contained within the Official Regulations and Playing Rules booklet published annually by Little League Baseball® (AKA The Green Book). N.b. for those teams playing away games in other leagues, the rules adopted by the hosting Little League organization will apply.*

<b>Game Duration</b>	There is no game time limit in Majors Division
<b>Schedule</b>	After the start of Daylight Savings Time, 2 games per week (1 weekday and 1 Saturday) are scheduled except when a doubleheader is played to make up a rainout, potentially resulting in 3 games played in a week.
<b>Roster Size</b>	Teams have 12 player rosters.
<b>Team Roster / Pool</b>	Player Pool will be maintained per Regulation V(c). Teams playing with 8 players will be forced to take an out for the 9th position in the batting line-up each turn at bat. If coaches agree upon something different at the start of the game, that is up to the two coaches who both must agree. Also, the umpire should be made aware of the change at the start of the game. If a player leaves a game, they are allowed to but must inform an official (i.e. umpire and other team coach); otherwise it will be deemed an out.
<b>Mandatory Play</b>	Every rostered player present at start of game will participate for minimum of nine defensive outs and bat at least one time. This rule is not in effect for late arrivals or early departures. See Regulation IV(i), Note 2 for Clarification.
<b>Approved Bats</b>	Bats must meet USA Baseball Bat standard (USABat)
<b>Continuous Batting</b>	Majors Division uses continuous batting lineups. Continuous batting order is defined in Rule 4.04. See also 4.01.
<b>Throwing Bats</b>	A batter throwing a bat in a manner the umpire deems to be unsafe is issued a warning. A batter throwing a bat in an unsafe manner again in the same game, is not allowed to bat for the remainder of the game. If a batter becomes ineligible during an at-bat, the next batter in the lineup bats and assumes the ineligible batter's ball/strike count.
<b>Pitching</b>	Majors Division observes the following <b>pitch count limits</b> . If a player reaches their soft count pitch count limit in the middle of an at-bat, they are permitted to complete the at-bat and then must be replaced by another pitcher. Penalty for not following HMBLL pitch count limits may result in the suspension of the manager for one game and possible forfeit of the game.

Date	# of Pitches (soft count)	Managers must enter pitch counts on the HMBLL website after each game.
Preseason thru March 12	45	
March 13 thru April 2	60	
April 3 thru Tourney	75 (65 for 10-yr olds)	

**Pitching Days of Rest**

66+ pitches – 4 days rest  
51-65 pitches – 3 days rest  
36-50 pitches – 2 days rest  
21-35 pitches – 1 days rest  
1-20 pitches– 0 days rest

\*The days of rest count starts the day following a player pitched. For example, if a player 66 pitches on Saturday, they cannot pitch again until Thursday. Rest day calculations are based on “soft” pitch count (not actual pitches thrown).

### Pitching / Catching

- If a player has caught 4 innings (meaning 3 innings + 1 pitch) they are not eligible to pitch for the remainder of the day.
- If a player who has played the position of catcher moves to the pitcher position and throws 21 pitchers or more in the same day, they may not return to the catcher position for the remainder of that day.
- If a player delivers 41 or more pitches that player may not play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.

A player is not eligible to pitch in more than one game in a day.

\*Pitcher/catcher eligibility calculations are based on “soft” pitch count (not actual pitches thrown).

**Dropped 3rd Strike** Per Rules 6.05(b)(2) and 6.09(b).

**Mercy Rule** 10-Run Rule after four innings per Rules 4.10(e). Games won by “mercy rule” are automatically reported to the Players’ Agent via the HMBLL game score system for review by the Players’ Agent. In the course of a team winning by “mercy rule,” the Players’ Agent will suspend for 1 game any manager or coach deemed to have encouraged players to continue to run the bases to “run up the score,” or in an otherwise unsportsmanlike manner.

**Field Prep** The home team uses the dugout along the 3rd base line and prepares the field for play. The away team drags the infield after the game, and put all field equipment away after the game.

**Postseason Play** Majors champions are determined by a postseason double-elimination tournament. Tournament seeding will be by blind draw. Guest players are not permitted during HMBLL tournament.

All post season tournament play will be played under the Green Book tournament rules with the exception of pitch count limits, which will continue to be governed by our Local Rules Pitch Count section.

**Managing/Coaching** Only the four rostered adults\* per team are allowed on field or in the dugout during a game for coaching purposes only. No one except those four rostered coaches are allowed on the field at any time while the game is in progress. Coaches may coach, pitch, or monitor the dugout. No coaching from the stands. There must be one adult rostered coach in the dugout at all times.

- Offensive Team: Base coaches may be players or coaches (if a player is used, they must wear a batting helmet).

Hats: All managers and coaches will wear the league-provided hats during games.

\*unless by exception due to child need and approval by the division player agent

**Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA):** All managers and at least two coaches must attend the PCA workshop provided by HMBLL. Managers that fail to attend the workshop forfeit all games until PCA certification is attained.

For additional clarification on rules regarding field maintenance, safety, batting cages and snack bar duty, please see the following league publications:

- STANDARD PROCEDURES
- SAFETY MANUAL
- BATTING CAGE PROCEDURES
- SNACK BAR DUTY