

HKCLL 2024-25 Summary of Rules & Regulations

#	Topic	Minor	Major (Little League)	Junior	Senior	Rule Reference
1	Age (as at 1 Sep 2024)	6-11 (HK)	9-12	12-14	13-16	Reg. IV, HK
2	Little League Pledge (before game starts)	Yes		Not required		HK
3	Regulation game	6 innings		7 innings		Reg. VII (h), X (c), PR 4.10, 4.11
4	Called game (weather / other reason)	Regulation game: 4 innings (3.5 if Home wins)		Regulation game: 5 innings (4.5 Home W)		PR 4.10 (c)
5	Time limit (no new inning)	1:45		2:00		Reg. VII (h), HK
6	5-Run Limit	Yes		N/A		PR 2.00 - Inning
7	Run Difference Rule	3 innings (2.5 if Home wins) - 15 4 innings (3.5 if Home wins) - 10 5 innings (4.5 if Home wins) - 8		4 innings (3.5 Home W) - 15 5 innings (4.5 Home W) - 10 6 innings (5.5 Home W) - 8		PR 4.10 (e)
8	Tie game	Regular Season : Tie game allowed Play-off : Tie-breaker (same as Tournament Play)				TPR 14, HK
9	Dugout	Away : 3rd base side / Home : 1st base side				LL
10	Personnel in dugout	Only 1 manager & 2 coaches (must registered to this team)				Reg. XIV (b) (c)
11	On Deck circle	In dugout		In foul territory		PR 1.08 Note 1
12	Approved bats	USABat (no Tee Ball bats allowed)		N/A		PR 1.10
13	Minimum no of players	- 8 - skip the 9th position without penalty				PR 4.04 Note 3
14	Late arriving players	- Inserted at the end of batting order - Mandatory Play / CBO: Required				PR 4.04
15	12-Year-Old Player's special arrangement	- must be amateur, assessed by Player Agent and approved by BoD - No pitch, bat last, play OF - 1 player per game		N/A		Reg. IV, HK
16	Pool Player	- no pitch or catch - no restriction on batting order - Mandatory Play : 1 bat & 9 outs				Reg. V (c), HK
17	Mandatory Play (MP) (1 bat & 6 outs)	- Roster size at game = 15 or more : 1 bat & 3 outs - One bat starts from no count N/A (With CBO, all are starters)		- A substitute must complete MP before removal from game		Reg. IV (i), PR 2.00, 3.03, HK
18	Continuous Batting Order (CBO)	Yes		N/A		PR 4.04 Note1
19	DH	N/A		- Must in starting lineup - Can re-enter once after substitution - Must NOT have fielding position - When cancel, manager must decide either the DH or the one the DH is batting for should remain		PR 3.03 DH
20	Pitchers Warm-up	- Managers or coaches are permitted to warm up a pitcher at home plate / bullpen / elsewhere at any time				PR 3.09
21	No. of warm-up pitches	New pitcher : 8 / Continue : 5				PR 8.03, HK
22	Free MV / Def. conf. per pitcher (per inning)	2 times		1 time		PR 8.06 (a)
23	Free MV / Def. conf. per pitcher (per game)	3 times		2 times		PR 8.06 (b)
24	Pitch Limit [FB]	6-8 yrs: 50 / day 9-10 yrs: 75 / day		11-12 yrs: 85 / day 13-16 yrs: 95 / day		Reg. VI (c)
25	Pitcher's rest requirements (Age)	14 yrs & under: >= 66 / day : rest 4 days 51-65 / day : 3 days 36-50 / day : 2 days 21-35 / day : 1 day		15-16 yrs: >= 76 / day : rest 4 days 61-75 / day : 3 days 46-60 / day : 2 days 31-45 / day : 1 day		Reg. VI (d)
26	Pitcher's rest requirements (Additional)	- Pitch >=41 [FB], rest 8 days - Max: 12 outs		- Pitch >= 51 [FB], rest 8 days		N/A HK
27	Pitching in more than 1 game in a day	Not allowed		- 12 yrs: Not allowed - >= 13 yrs: Max: 2 games, 1st game must pitch <= 30 [FB]		Reg. VI (k)
28	Pitcher change	- Pitchers removed can't pitch again		- Pitchers stepped down but not removed from game can pitch again once		Reg. VI (b)
29	Pitcher / Catcher	- Pitch >=41 [FB], can't catch on same day - Catch in 4 or more innings [3 complete innings + 1 pitch in 4th] in a game, can't pitch on same day - Catch in 3 or less innings & pitch >= 21 (15 & 16 yrs: 31) [FB], can't catch on same day				Reg. VI (a) & (c)
30	Courtesy Runner for Pitcher / Catcher (2 outs)	- Yes (last out player)		- Yes (must be out of batting position 1-9) - Same courtesy runner can't run for both pitcher and catcher		PR 3.04 & 7.14(b)
31	Special Pinch-runner (SPR)	N/A (CBO)		- Once per inning for any 1 runner - SPR must be out of batting position 1-9 - A player only be removed for SPR once per game		PR 7.14(b)
32	Re-entry	N/A (CBO)		- Starters must wait for substitute to complete MP before re-entry		PR 3.03
33	Intentional Walk	- 1st IBB for same batter: verbal - 2nd IBB: real pitch - Pitch counts: 4 pitches				PR 6.08 (2)
34	Illegal pitch / Balk	Illegal pitch only, no balk		Yes (illegal pitch & balk)		PR 2.00 - Balk, 8.05
35	Uncaught 3rd strike	Batter is out		Batter becomes a batter-runner		PR 6.05 (b) (2), 6.09 (b)
36	Leave base too soon	- runners shall not leave their bases until the ball has reached the batter . - PENALTY: delay deadball, out is out / safe: return [Bunt / infield hit / dropped 3rd strike]: No run scores .		N/A		PR 7.13
37	Sliding Related	- No "must slide" rules - Runner have to slide or attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and waiting to tag - No headfirst slide when advancing, only returning				PR 7.08 (3) (4)