

MP to Minors

Difference Highlights

Pre-game

- Use ASWLL-supplied lineup cards. 4 copies – 1 to opponent, 1 to umpire, 1 to scorekeeper.
- Lineup must be ready 20 minutes before gametime. Add late players to end of lineup.
- Give pitching log to scorekeeper 20 minutes before game time. Must be filled out and signed by umpire at end of game – use phone to take picture of signed log.
- Home team supplies scorekeeper (GameChanger).

Coaches

- Max 3 inside the fence, no coaches outside the fence [Reg XIV]
- No interaction outside the fence unless requested by umpire [3.09]
- 1 adult must be in the dugout at ALL times – use kids as base coaches as needed [Reg XIV]
- People in the dugout must stay IN the dugout, completely away from doorway opening [ASWLL]
- Time must be granted before adult may leave the dugout [Reg XIV]

Pitchers

- Pitch limits, thresholds
 - Must not pitch for a number of days based on pitches thrown - [Reg VI(d)]
 - Limits on pitches thrown to move to catcher [Reg VI(c)]
 - Pitchers can finish a batter and roll back (threshold) - [Reg VI(c)]
 - Limits on defensive pitching visits [8.06]
- No white/grey on pitcher's glove [1.15(a)] or white long sleeves on pitcher [1.11(a)3]
- Getting back on pitcher's plate (rubber) does not "freeze" the runner [7.13]
- Adult may not warm up pitcher BEFORE OR DURING the game [ASWLL]

Catchers

- Must use catcher's mitt [1.12] and wear ASWLL-supplied mask/gear - NO EXCEPTIONS [ASWLL]
- Catcher's mask must have a dangling throat guard [1.17]
- Limit on innings caught to move to pitcher [Reg VI(a)]

Fielders

- Fielder can stand almost anywhere in fair territory, BUT a fielder not in possession of the ball cannot hinder or impede the runner – OBSTRUCTION. [2.0] [7.06]

Runners

- Cannot leave base before pitch reaches batter – penalty is complicated, no appeal – umpire will call if seen and penalty is relevant [7.13]
- Cannot hinder a fielder attempting to field a BATTED ball: INTERFERENCE [7.09]
- IF fielder has the ball AND is waiting to make the tag, runner must do at least 1 of the following in an ATTEMPT to avoid collision or be guilty of interference [7.08a(3)]:
 - Slide
 - Go around* [7.08a(1)]
 - Go back
 - Give up
- May run ANYWHERE when not being played upon (no “baseline requirement”) as long as not abandoning [7.08(a)2]
- Runner hit by a batted ball is out when applicable. Umpire will judge accordingly. [7.08(f)]

Batters

- Must use ASWLL-supplied batting helmet, and use USA Baseball logo bat or wood bat.
- Must have both feet in the box. Crowding the plate allowed, but feet must be in the box [6.03]
- Must not intentionally be hit by pitch [6.08(b)]
- Must not make a move that interferes with a catcher’s ability to throw to a base – moving out of the box is not always safe [6.06(c)1,2]
- Must vacate a crowded area (e.g., R3 coming home – get out of the way) to try to avoid interfering with the throw/play [6.06(c)3]
- Slash bunt (show bunt, take full swing) is legal in Little League
- Pulling bat back on bunt not struck at is NOT required in baseball [2.0]
- Hit by pitch when swinging is a strike, and the ball is dead [6.05(e)]
- Only runner appeals are missed base and failure to retouch (tag up) on caught fly ball [7.10]
- All runner base appeals must be made during a live ball and before the next pitch or play [7.10]
- Appeals must be obvious or articulated (e.g., *which* runner missed which base)

Questioning a call, protests

- Only the manager can represent a team to the umpire. [2.0] We teach umpires to entertain questions from other coaches, but not if their demeanor is not to ASWLL standards.
- Once time is granted, go to the umpire that made the call and quietly, privately ask a question. All such communication should be 1:1.
- Junior Umpires are off limits. Speak with the adult umpire on the field.
- Most rules are enforced on the field. By rule, some are only addressed by the board (e.g. player eligibility). [4.19(d)]
- If the umpire does not rule in your favor, the game goes on – send an email to umpires@aswll.com and/or your commissioner with the ruling you think the umpire got wrong.
- If an umpire tells you the discussion is over, go back to the dugout – send email if needed.
- You may be wrong. The umpire may be wrong. On field is neither the time nor place for debate.
- Do not say anything bad about the opposing team in front of the kids. Email your commissioner
- You cannot see strike zone in/out from the dugout.