

Lefty Grove Baseball League, Inc.

Rules and Regulations

The Lefty Grove Baseball League (LGBL) has adopted the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Baseball Book of Rules as the base of our rule book. Following are the amended rules and regulations adopted by LGBL. Each rule notates the specific NFHS rule that it is amending or adding to. In the event of a conflict, these amendments take precedence. In the event of something unstated, the appropriate ruling under NFHS rules shall prevail.

*** Exception*** 12U and 14U specific rules are set by the “Firelands Inter-League Baseball” (FIB) League Rules

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Rule 0: Lefty Grove Baseball League Specific Rules and Information

Rule 0 shall be appended to and exist prior to NFHS Rule 1. These rules are unique to the LGBL, in the event that any NFHS rule conflicts with a rule that exists within Rule 0, the LGBL rule shall apply.

Section 1: League Purpose, Organization, and Information.

Art. 1 ... The Lefty Grove Baseball League, Inc (LGBL) has the stated purpose of providing Norwalk, Ohio and surrounding communities with a quality Youth Baseball experience. Our mission is to help our youths grow into better adults through teamwork, sportsmanship, and quality baseball.

Art. 2 ... LGBL is organized and led by the following Board of Directors:

- a. **Commissioner:** Wayne Bolton - (419) 357-5239
- b. **Deputy Commissioner:** Scott Meyer - (419) 706-0597
- c. **Divisional Presidents**
 - 1. **Firelands League 14U Liaison:** Brent Layne - (419) 577-9525
 - 2. **Firelands League 12U Liaison:** Adam Boss - (419) 681-1456
 - 3. **10U Division:** Josh Hancock - (419) 357-9487
 - 4. **6U & 8U Division:** Dereck Sitterly - (419) 706-5786
- d. **Executive Board Roles**
 - 1. **Secretary:** Cathy Bolton - (419) 239-6551
 - 2. **Treasurer:** Travis Fox - (419) 744-0529
 - 3. **Field Manager:** Scott Flowers - (419) 577-5687
 - 4. **Travel Director:** Scott Flowers - (419) 577-5687
 - 5. **Equipment Manager:** Greg Ferguson - (419) 750-4018
 - 6. **Chief Umpire/Scorekeeper:** Joe Statzer - (419) 921-1500
- e. **Trustees**
 - 1. **Term Trustees**
 - Vicki Williams (*term end 2024*)
 - Harold Preston (*term end 2025*)
 - Jim Williams (*term end 2026*)
 - 2. **Lifetime Trustees**
 - Al Preston

Art. 3 ... On field/game time conflicts, issues, and decisions that must be called are at the discretion of the Chief Umpire of the game in question. If the issue is outside of the confines of an individual or direct game, the best available Board Member shall make the call themselves or refer the item to the Board at large for further consideration.

Art. 4 ... *For Player Safety:* If a player has been injured, either while playing Lefty Grove Baseball or otherwise requiring a physician's care, the player must have a signed release from their physician before being allowed to rejoin their team. This is for the protection of the player.

Section 2: Team Composition

Art. 1 ... LGBL is divided into five (6) divisions that are organized and based primarily on age.

a. *Division age.* Age separations (Based on League Age) as follows:

Division	Age Range
6U	5 and 6
8U	7 and 8
10U	9 and 10
12U	11 and 12
14U	13 and 14
17U	15, 16 and 17

b. *League Age.* Division placement shall be determined by “league age”, which is the age of a player as of April 30th in the current year of play.

1. With board approval, the parent or guardian of players within three (3) months of a different league age may elect to place their child in the next division. Board shall consider skill, size, and development of the player as shown at their skill clinic review and/or previous coach recommendations.
2. With board approval, players may remain in a lower division longer based on skill and development level needs.
3. It is the intention of the LGBL to foster a quality baseball experience for all players and in the spirit of player safety and proper development, it is the standard policy that players shall not move up to an older division early, notwithstanding rule 0-2-1(b)(2) above. In the event of an extraordinary circumstance, the Board may consider allowing a player to move up by no more than one (1) year of league age but will require a full Board Vote.

Art. 2 ... Maximum Players Per Team:

- a. For all Divisions all teams will have a general maximum of 13 players.
 - i. Manager’s approval shall be required for teams to have more than the standard maximum players.

Art. 3 ... During the season and tournaments, no player who signs a contract other than a Lefty Grove contract may play in the Lefty Grove League without board approval.

Art. 4 ... Players on a Lefty Grove travel team may play on regular Lefty Grove teams. They are eligible to play in the All-Star game and tournament games if they are a member of a regular Lefty Grove season team. They may not be picked up for just All-Star or tournament games.

Art. 5 ... Players may only play for one (1) LGBL team in one (1) LGBL division, notwithstanding LGBL rule 4-0-1(a) governing minimum players and borrowed players.

Section 3: Field Etiquette

Art. 1 ... Players do not go on the fields when the fields are wet without permission.

Art. 2 ... Due to running double headers, Pre-game warmups will be “Tournament Style” Meaning there will be no Pre-game warmups on the infield. All warmups must be done in the outfield

Art. 3 ... Bicycles are never to be ridden on the fields. Violators could be subject to suspension from league

Art. 4 ... Both teams are responsible for cleaning up the area around the field and dugouts after their game(s). Failure to do so may result in a forfeit for the offending team(s). This is not limited to picking up trash, throwing away stones, and sweeping.

Art. 5 ... Cameras or other recording devices are not allowed inside the fences of the playing field during a game without league approval.

Section 4: 6U Division Specific Rules

Art. 1 ... Each team shall have an adult designated to pitch to their own team and abide the following:

- a. Adult Pitcher does not have to pitch from the pitching rubber, but must have at least 1 foot inside the 8' pitching circle.
- b. Pitching shall be overhand with no restrictions on height.
- c. The adult pitcher shall not display verbal or physical disagreement towards umpires.
- d. Adult pitchers can elect to wear a glove.
- e. Adult pitcher may only give instructions to his/her team when the ball is dead.
- f. Any batted or thrown ball that hits the adult is dead and runners cannot advance, and a pitch is declared dead. Exception is if it is the sixth pitch, the batter may have an additional pitch but no more than seven total pitches.

Art. 2 ... Player designated as pitcher must stay within an eight-foot circle until ball is hit by batter

Art. 3 ... Batters are out after 6 total pitches (exception of hitting adult pitcher) player may swing at all 6 pitches

Art. 4 ...

- a. If a ball is batted into the outfield, runners may continue to advance until the ball has been thrown in and ball is in possession of an infielder or any player in the infield dirt. Once the ball has been determined to be in, the umpire shall raise hands and announce "dead ball".
- b. At that time any runner more than halfway to the next base will be granted that base. A runner that was not halfway when the ball was called dead must return to the previous base.
 - i. Runners returning to base are in a dead ball situation and can not be tagged out.

Art. 5 ... There are no free bases awarded to batters.

Art. 6 ... When the tenth batter of the inning is up to bat, the following occurs:

- a. The number of outs is adjusted to two; regardless of how many there actually are.
- b. The inning is over when one of the following occur:
 1. Any out is obtained since there are already two outs
 2. The tenth batter scores on the play he/she is up to bat
- c. Rule 0-4-4 is not in play as part of this circumstance.

Art. 7 ... The 6U Division shall use the following *Mercy Rule*

- a. When either team is up by 10 runs after 5 full innings have been played.
- b. If the home team is up by 10 at the bottom of the fifth, the inning shall be completed to allow for completion of the substitution rule.
- c. If the away team goes up by 10 or more runs in the 6th inning, the home team shall still get to bat in the bottom of the 6th inning.
- d. Games will not continue after the mercy rule is in effect under any circumstances.

Section 5: 8U Division Specific Rules

Art. 1 ... Each team shall have an adult designated to pitch to their own team and abide the following:

- a. Pitching shall be overhand with no restrictions on height.
- b. The adult pitcher shall not display verbal or physical disagreement towards umpires.
- c. Adult pitchers can elect to wear a glove.
- d. Adult pitcher may only give instructions to his/her team when the ball is dead.
- e. Any batted or thrown ball that hits the adult is dead and runners cannot advance, and a pitch is declared. Exception is if it is the sixth pitch, the batter may have an additional pitch but no more than seven total pitches.

Art. 2 ... Player designated as pitcher must stay within an eight-foot circle until ball is hit by batter

Art. 3 ... Batters are out after three swinging strikes or 6 total pitches (exception of hitting adult pitcher)

Art. 4 ...

- a. If a ball is batted into the outfield, runners may continue to advance until the ball has been thrown in and ball is in possession of an infielder or any player in the infield dirt. Once the ball has been determined to be in, the umpire shall raise hands and announce "dead ball".
- b. At that time any runner more than halfway to the next base will be granted that base. A runner that was not halfway when the ball was called dead must return to the previous base.
 - ii. Runners returning to base are in a dead ball situation and can not be tagged out.

Art. 5 ... There are no free bases awarded to batters.

Art. 6 ... When the tenth batter of the inning is up to bat, the following occurs:

- a. The number of outs is adjusted to two; regardless of how many there actually are.
- b. The inning is over when one of the following occur:
 1. Any out is obtained since there are already two outs
 2. The tenth batter scores on the play he/she is up to bat
- c. Rule 0-4-4 is not in play as part of this circumstance.

Art. 7 ... The 8U Division shall use the following *Mercy Rule*

- a. When either team is up by 10 runs after 5 full innings have been played.
- b. If the home team is up by 10 at the bottom of the fifth, the inning shall be completed to allow for completion of the substitution rule.
- c. If the away team goes up by 10 or more runs in the 6th inning, the home team shall still get to bat in the bottom of the 6th inning.
- d. Games will not continue after the mercy rule is in effect under any circumstances.

Section 6: All-Star Games and Championship Tournaments

Art. 1 ... As part of the regular seasons, All-Star games shall be held by the Lefty Grove Baseball League. Effective April 24, 2014, the Lefty Grove All-Star Games shall be called the Ike Liedorff All-Star Games

- a. Teams shall be selected in the following methods:
 1. 6U: All 6 year olds.
 2. 8U: All 8-year-olds.
 3. All other divisions are voted by a team ballot conducted by the division presidents.
- b. Selection of Managers will be done by division presidents.
- c. Flip of coin will decide home and visitors.

- d. Seven inning formats for each division with no ties.
- e. All other questions shall be directed towards division presidents.

Art. 2 ... Tournaments to determine the divisional champion shall be held at the end of the season when the respective division finished all games on their schedule.

- a. Players must play a minimum of 50% of regular season games to qualify to play in a tournament game unless absent due to injury or illness.
- b. 6U, 8U, and 10U Tournaments: All teams shall be seeded into a single elimination tournament bracket. Home and Away designations shall be determined by seeding.
- c. 12U, and 14U Tournaments: Will be determined by the Firelands Inter-League Tournament Policies
- d. 17U Tournaments: All teams shall be seeded into a single elimination tournament bracket. Home and Away designations shall be determined by seeding.
 - 1. Exception being excessive season rainouts that prolong the season.
- e. Any other questions shall be directed towards division presidents.

Rule 1: Players, Field, and Equipment

Rule 1 shall be amended as follows. Sections and articles noted in the LGBL rule book shall directly reference the amended section and article in the NFHS, unreferenced sections and articles are unamended and applied directly as written. In the event of a conflict, LGBL rules shall apply.

Section 1: Positions of Players

Amend section 1 as follows, appending Art. 6 to the end of the section:

Art. 1 ... amended to note: Innings played, team compositions, and numbers of players in the LGBL are defined in the amended Rule 4.

Art. 6 ... All LGBL divisions and teams bat the entire roster present on game day. At the pregame conference, rosters submitted to the umpire and scorekeeper shall be organized as follows:

- a. Listing the batting order of all players present by first and last name and shirt number.
- b. Listing all remaining players that are not present at the end of the batting order (also by both names and shirt number) as well as a designation for their absence:
 - 1. W-N – With Notice
 - 2. W/O-N – Without Notice
 - 3. Sus – Suspended
- c. Players arriving late or attending the completion of a suspended game shall be added to the end of batting line up and allowed to play.

PENALTY: Managers are required to provide a copy of this information to the Umpire, the Scorekeeper, and the opposing Manager, Coach, or Captain. If it is not provided at the pregame conference, it must be provided prior to the start of the game. Failure to provide this information by the start of the game will result in a forfeit of the offending team. At the umpire's discretion, the manager may be given a reasonable amount of additional time to complete the line up if needed.

Section 2: The Field

Amend section 2 as follows, appending Art. 13 and Art. 14 to the end of the section:

Art. 3 ... amended to note: For player safety, players in the LGBL may use the on-deck circle that is to the back of the batter. So, for a right-handed batter the on-deck batter may warm up in the on-deck circle on the 3rd base line, and for a left-handed batter, they may warm up in the on-deck circle on the 1st base line.

Art. 9 ... amended to note: For player safety, the LGBL shall utilize the Double First Base Rules referenced in the NFHS rules, in the 6U and 8U Divisions. The only exception shall be in the event that the LGBL utilizes a field for play that is not equipped for a double first base. See Rule 8, Base running, for guidance on usage.

Art. 13 ... appended to note: LGBL divisions shall utilize fields with the following dimensions:

Division	Base Paths	Pitching Rubber
6U	65'	35'
8U	65'	35'
10U	65'	46'
12U	See FIB Website "12U Rulebook"	
14U	See FIB Website "14U Rulebook"	
17U	90'	60' 6"

Section 3: Bats, Balls, and Gloves

Amend section 3 as follows, appending Art. 7 to the end of the section:

Art. 7 ... The LGBL requires that all bats be certified by a nationally recognized standard. Each division shall utilize bat allowances as follows:

Division	Max Length	Max Diameter	Max Drop
6U	29"	No Limit	n/a
8U	29"	No Limit	n/a
10U	31"	No Limit	n/a
12U	See FIB Website "12U Rulebook"		
14U	See FIB Website "14U Rulebook"		
17U	36"	2-5/8 (non-wood)	-3
		2-3/4 (wood)	
NFHS Rules Apply			

PENALTY: (apply rule 7-4-1(a) to violations of the above appended chart)

EXCEPTION: Players that need a larger bat may get an exception with league approval.

Section 4: Uniforms

Art. 5 ... All players in the LGBL must wear their unaltered league issued shirt and hat. Shirts must be tucked into their pants. Players must wear baseball style pants or sweatpants that extend below the knees: no jeans, khakis, shorts, or other styles of bottoms may be worn during play.

PENALTY: no player may participate that doesn't meet this rule.

Art. 6 ... Cleats are not required to play, but they are recommended and encouraged. Steel/metal style cleats are only authorized in the 14U and 17U Divisions.

PENALTY: A player found to be using steel or metal style cleats/spikes during play shall be ejected from the game in question. If they are at bat, or on base, they will be ruled out, and any subsequent at bat they would be called to will be an automatic out, then on to the next batter.

Section 5: Player Equipment

Art. 2 ... All players in the 6U, 8U, and 10U must have face protection. This can take the form of a full-face cage or chin/face protection that is on the appropriate side of the helmet for the way the player bats. Any other styles of face protection on the helmet may only be used with board approval.

PENALTY: First infraction will be a warning by the umpire to both team managers. Any further infractions by either team shall result in the batter or base runner being ruled out. Deliberate or flagrant violations, at umpire discretion, may be ruled out and the player ejected.

Art. 13 ... The LGBL will provide team equipment and bags to managers at the beginning of each season at the divisional coaches meeting. Each manager will sign an acknowledgement of the receipt of this bag that notes its contents. This equipment is to be turned at the conclusion of the team's last game, to the league equipment manager or other league representative on duty at this time. The contents will be verified, and the original acknowledgement will then be signed by the manager and league representative.

Rule 2: Playing Terms and Definitions

Rule 2 shall be amended as follows. Sections and articles noted in the LGBL rule book shall directly reference the amended section and article in the NFHS, unreferenced sections and articles are unamended and applied directly as written. In the event of a conflict, LGBL rules shall apply.

Section 3: Balk

Balks shall apply to the 17U Division only; all NFHS rules apply. Managers, Umpires, and Coaches in the 10U division shall introduce the concept of what a balk is to pitchers, point out when a balk occurs, but resume play with no penalty assessed.

12 and 14U Please refer to the Firelands Inter-league Rulebooks

Section 19: Infield Fly

Amend section 19 as follows:

The Infield fly rule shall apply to the 17U divisions only; all NFHS rules apply.

Rule 3: Substituting, Coaching, Bench and Field Conduct, Conferences

Rule 3 shall be amended as follows. Sections and articles noted in the LGBL rule book shall directly reference the amended section and article in the NFHS, unreferenced sections and articles are unamended and applied directly as written. In the event of a conflict, LGBL rules shall apply.

Section 1: Substituting

Art. 1 ... All players on a LGBL team in any division must play three (3) innings in the field by the end of the 5th inning. By the 6th inning, if a player is removed from the field of play before three outs are recorded in any inning, the player must play a total of at least nine outs.

- a. LGBL teams are allowed unlimited fielding substitutions, except where Rule 3-1-8 or Rule 6: Pitching applies.

PENALTY: Failure to ensure this, the manager shall be suspended for one game. In the event that this occurs in a tournament or championship game, the offending team shall forfeit their victory.

EXCEPTION: If the player is removed from play due to injury, illness, ejection, or must leave the game/field early.

Art. 4 ... The LGBL does not utilize designated hitters in any fashion.

Art. 7 ... The LGBL allows courtesy runners for a pitcher or catcher that is on base when there are two outs. The same runner may not be used for both in the same inning. If the courtesy runner were to be up to bat while still on base, an out shall be declared and the inning over.

Art. 8 ... A pitcher having already faced at least one batter and been replaced previously in the game may be returned to pitch once. After being removed from pitching a second time they shall be ineligible to return to the position for the remainder of that game.

Section 2: Coaching

Art. 1 ... Coaches are not required to be in any uniform while in a coach's box. As per rule 1-5-1, anyone under the age of 18 must wear a batting helmet while occupying a coach's box.

Section 3: Bench and Field Conduct

Amend section 3 as follows, appending Art. 5, 6, 7, and 8. to the end of the section:

Art. 5 ... All players of the batting team must remain on their side of the diamond, notwithstanding the on-deck exception in rule 1-2-3.

Art. 6 ... The LGBL has a zero-tolerance policy for any type of bullying or harassment from players, managers, coaches, spectators, or any other person present at a LGBL game. We encourage every parent to sit down with their children and discuss with them how to choose kind words, how to follow expectations in other settings, and how to be respectful to others and to themselves. Bullying can come in many forms and can be very harmful to both the target and the bully. Please talk with your children about the different ways bullying can happen and what to do if they see it. We encourage you to talk with your children on what is appropriate and what is not when they are with their teams. It is the responsibility of all of us (parents, children, coaches, managers, and community members) to teach our children the importance of being kind and considerate to others. These are life skills which are greatly needed by all in our society.

PENALTY: on first offense, the player, manager, coach, or any other person present, shall be ejected from the current game, if in progress, and will receive a one game suspension. Any second offense will be a removal from the league.

Art. 7 ... The LGBL has the following attendance policy: It is very important that you as parents make certain that your children attend practices and games. Improvement for your children at playing baseball is dependent on regular attendance at these events. Team improvement is dependent on this as well. It is discouraging to players, coaches, and managers when a team's full roster is not present for practices and games; more importantly it hurts your children as well. We understand that events and circumstances can happen that result in the need for a player not being able to attend practices and games; however, it is important that you contact your children's

team manager to let them know that your child will not be there. Not doing so will result in an unexcused absence.

PENALTY: In response to excessive absences without notice or reasonable excuse, the manager may restrict play in a subsequent game to a minimum of one inning in the field and/or reduce the number of at-bats to one. This will be done by the manager reporting to the scorekeeper before the start of the game. Further issues may warrant removal from the team by board approval.

Art. 8 ... Any player, coach, manager, or other team assistant that is ejected from a game, they will be required to attend a following subsequent game and sit out without participating in the game or player communication before being allowed to resume duties.

Section 4: Charged Conferences

Art. 1 ... Teams are limited to a maximum of one (1) charged conference per inning. Any subsequent conference MUST constitute a pitching change.

Rule 4: Starting and Ending Game

Section 0: Roster Requirements

Section 0 shall be appended and added to Rule 4, prior to NFHS Rule 1.

Art. 1 ... The required number of players necessary to start, and continue, a game is eight (8) for all divisions; less than 8 players is a forfeiture of the game.

- a. In order to avoid a forfeit, the team needing players can be given a maximum of 2 players from another team in the same division to make the minimum number of players (8) needed to play
- b. The manager must get permission for using these players from the player's parent(s)/guardian(s). These players may ONLY play in the outfield and MUST bat last in the line-up.
- c. Teams may only borrow players if they do not have enough to play.

Art. 2 ... Teams in each division shall have the following maximum number of defensive players on the field during an inning.

Division	No. of Defensive Players
6U	10 (4 outfielders)
8U	10 (4 outfielders)
10U	9
12U	9
14U	9
17U	9

Art. 3 ... All players must check in with the scorekeeper before they take the field.

Section 1: Starting a Game

Amend section 1 as follows:

Art. 3 ... amended to note: See LGBL Rule 4-0-1 for the required minimum number of players to start a game.

Section 2: Ending a Game

Amend section 2 as follows, appending Art. 4 to the end of this section:

Art. 1 ... replaced in full with: A regulation LGBL game shall consist of a number of innings up to a maximum time limit, as outlined below, unless extra innings or time is necessary because of a tie score, or unless shortened because the home team does not need all or a fraction of its (NFHS Art. 2) half of the final inning; or because of weather, or darkness (NFHS Art. 3). Each team must maintain the minimum number of players through the game, otherwise the game shall be a forfeiture. A forfeited game is considered complete and regulation, regardless of innings played.

Division	Maximum Innings	Maximum Time	New Inning
6U	7	1 hr 45 mins	No new inning after 1hr 30 Mins
8U	7	1 hr 45 mins	No new inning after 1hr 30 Mins
10U	7	1 hr 45 mins	No new inning after 1hr 30 Minsd
12U	See FIB Website "12U Rulebook"		
14U	See FIB Website "14U Rulebook"		
17U	7	1 hr 45 min	No new inning after 1hr 30 Mins

Art. 3 ... Any suspended game not considered complete shall be continued from the exact point of suspension.

Art. 5 ... The LGBL has the policy of a minimum of a 30 minute delay at the site of Lightning.

Art. 6 ... The LGBL shall have the following mercy rules for the 10U, and 17U divisions.

a. *10U and 12U Divisions:*

- i. Teams shall be limited to seven (5) runs per inning. When the fifth run scores, the inning shall be immediately called and no other runs shall be scored. **EXCEPTION:** If a home run is hit, all runs shall be scored.
- ii. Mercy rule shall be invoked as soon as a team is mathematically unable to tie the game. Example, a team is ahead by 15 runs after 4 (or 3.5 innings, if the home team) or 8 runs after 5 (or 4.5 innings, if the home team).

b. *17U Division:*

- i. There shall be no inning run limits.
- ii. Mercy rule shall be invoked if the visiting team is behind 15 or more runs after 3.5 innings or behind by 10 or more runs after 4.5 innings. Additionally, the game shall end if either team is behind by 15 or more runs after 4 complete innings or by 10 or more runs after 5 complete innings.

Section 4: Forfeited Game

Art. 1 ... The LGBL has adopted the rule that forfeits shall be declared 15 minutes after the official starting time.

Section 5: Protested Game

The LGBL does not allow or permit any game protests.

Section 6: Make Up Games

Append section 6 to the end of Rule 4 as follows:

Art. 1 ... Any game that is canceled prior to its starting time due to weather, field conditions, or any other reason deemed appropriate and necessary by the LGBL Board of Directors shall be rescheduled as a Make Up Game.

Art. 2 ... Any game that is suspended during play due to weather, lightning, field conditions, darkness, or any other reason deemed necessary for player safety shall be rescheduled as a Make Up Game, and continued from the exact point of suspension.

Art. 3 ... All Make Up Games shall be scheduled by the league to the next available date with at least 48 hours notice

Rule 5: Dead Ball & Suspension of Play

Rule 5 shall be amended as follows. Sections and articles noted in the LGBL rule book shall directly reference the amended section and article in the NFHS, unreferenced sections and articles are unamended and applied directly as written. In the event of a conflict, LGBL rules shall apply.

Section 1: Dead Ball

Art. 2 ... The LGBL utilizes the following additions to the dead ball table contained in NFHS rule 5-1 based on division.

a. Dead Ball, After Play

Division	Rule
6U	See 6U Specific Rules
8U	See 8U Specific Rules
10U	Pitcher has ball on the mound; runners not actively advancing must return to last occupied base; ball is dead
12U	See FIB Website "12U Rulebook"
14U	See FIB Website "14U Rulebook"
17U	NFHS rules apply

b. Dropped Third Strike

Division	Rule
6U	Ball is dead; batter is out; no runners can advance
8U	Ball is dead; batter is out; no runners can advance
10U	Ball is dead; batter is out; no runners can advance
12U	See FIB Website "12U Rulebook"
14U	See FIB Website "14U Rulebook"
17U	NFHS rules apply

Rule 6: Pitching

Rule 6 shall be amended as follows. Sections and articles noted in the LGBL rule book shall directly reference the amended section and article in the NFHS, unreferenced sections and articles are unamended and applied directly as written. In the event of a conflict, LGBL rules shall apply.

Section 1: Pitching

Amend section 1 as follows:

Art. 6 ... amended to note: the LGBL has adopted the following pitching restriction policy.

- a. 10U division shall adhere to a limited number of innings pitched per game. No pitcher shall pitch more than three (3) innings. If a pitcher pitches 3 innings, they shall not be eligible to pitch the following day. A pitcher pitching less than three innings shall not be required to rest. One pitch in an inning shall constitute an inning pitched.
- b. 12U, 14U, and 17U divisions shall adhere to the following pitching table:

Division	Daily Limit	0 Days Rest	1 Day Rest	2 Day Rest	3 Days Rest	4 Days Rest
12U	See FIB Website "12U Rulebook"					
14U	See FIB Website "14U Rulebook"					
17U	100	1-30	31-50	51-70	71-85	86-100

- c. A player that reaches their daily pitch count limit during a batter shall be allowed to complete the at bat with that batter being put out, successfully obtaining a base, or a third out is achieved.
- d. The Scorekeeper shall keep the official record of pitches thrown and will not be a challengeable accounting.
 1. Pitch count tracking shall be done by the Field Umpire, Scorekeeper, or a designated representative from the home team.
 2. Pitch count may be tracked by a provided click counter, through use of the Game Changer app, or by tally marks by the official Scorekeeper.
 3. Game totals shall be reported to Personnel Director, Division Presidents, or other persons designated by the Board of Directors.
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PENALTY: A team playing a pitcher prior to the expiration of their required days of rest shall forfeit the game.

Rule 7: Batting

There are no LGBL amendments or alterations to NFHS Rule 7 other than those specifically referenced in Rule 0-4: 8U Specific Rules.

Rule 8: Baserunning

Rule 8 shall be amended as follows. Sections and articles noted in the LGBL rule book shall directly reference the amended section and article in the NFHS, unreferenced sections and articles are unamended and applied directly as written. In the event of a conflict, LGBL rules shall apply.

Section 2: Touching, Occupying, and Returning to a Base

Amend section 2 as follows, appending Art. 10, 11, and 12 to the end of the section:

Art. 10 ... The LGBL shall have the following baserunning rules as pertains to lead offs and stealing bases. A leadoff is defined as leaving the occupied base prior to a thrown pitch.

Division	Lead-Off	Stealing
6U	No	No
8U	No	No
10U	No	Once pitch crosses home plate Cannot steal home on passed ball. Can steal home on a pass ball 1 time per inning
12U	See FIB Website "12U Rulebook"	
14U	See FIB Website "14U Rulebook"	
17U	NFHS Rules Apply	

PENALTY: A player leaving a base prior to a live-ball play in the 10U division shall be penalized. A first infraction for a team shall require the runner back to the base occupied base. A second infraction for a team shall cause the base runner to be ruled out.

Art. 11 ... The LGBL does not require players to slide. If a player chooses to slide, it must not be above the defensive player's knees.

PENALTY: The sliding runner is declared out and the player is ejected from the game. If the infraction occurs at home, the run does not score.

Art. 12 ... As noted in Rule 1-2-9, the LGBL utilizes a double-first-base in 6U, and 8U Divisions. The standard white base shall be in fair territory and the orange double base shall be in foul territory. NFHS Double-First-Base rules apply.

Art. 13 ... In the 10U Division, on an attempted steal, if the catcher overthrows during the play. Runners cannot advance further. Play is dead

- a. This is a new concept for the catchers in the 10U division. We want to encourage the throwdown without penalizing them for doing so.

Rule 9: Scoring – Record Keeping

There are no LGBL amendments or alterations to NFHS Rule 9.

Rule 10: Umpiring

Rule 10 shall be amended as follows. Sections and articles noted in the LGBL rule book shall directly reference the amended section and article in the NFHS, unreferenced sections and articles are unamended and applied directly as written. In the event of a conflict, LGBL rules shall apply.

Section 1: General

Art. 10 ... All home plate umpires shall wear umpire's equipment to include the face mask with attached throat protector, body (chest) protector, and protective shin guards.