

## ATLL 2024 Special Rules for AA “Coach Pitch” Division

The following ATLL 2024 Special Rules for AA supplement those contained in the 2024 Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules (available through the Little League Rulebook App.)

- Rulebook App. The Little League Rulebook App is free and contains the Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Operating Policies for all divisions of Baseball, Softball, and Challenger in one easy-to-use location. Download on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
- Regulation Game. A regulation game shall consist of a minimum of three (3) complete innings, shall not exceed five (5) innings. However, no new inning shall start after 1 hour 50 minutes has elapsed.
- Pledge. Before the start of the game, the teams will remain safely distanced while the Pledge of Allegiance & Little League Pledge are recited.
- Hand Shake – At the conclusion of the game, each team will line up and shake hands as a sign of sportsmanship.
- Players. Teams will play defensively with a maximum of six (6) players in the infield (including the pitcher’s position) and a maximum of four (4) players in the outfield. No player may play the same defensive position for more than two (2) innings. Broad rotation is strongly encouraged. All players should play both infield and outfield positions. However, not everyone must be played in positions requiring specialized skills like catcher and first base.
- Continuous Batting. All players on each team shall bat in continuous rotation. No changes in batting order shall be made as a result of field substitution.
- End of Play. The ball shall be considered dead and no runner may advance once the ball has been thrown to the pitcher and the pitcher is at the “pitching area” (an area 18 feet in diameter). **In general, on a hit into the outfield, coaches may only allow runners to advance until the ball is returned to the infield. A double, triple or homerun may be hit. Exception: On a ground ball fielded by an infielder, runners may not advance on an overthrow to any base.**
- Inning/Nine Batter Rule. An inning shall end after three (3) outs or after the batting team has hit one full time through its lineup, whichever comes first. **For the first five games of the regular season, and for only the first two innings of each of these five games, the following rule is in effect: An inning shall end after each batter for the batting team has had one plate appearance.**
- Pitcher. Each team shall have a manager, coach or adult assistant serve as pitcher. Each pitcher pitches to his/her own team from the pitcher’s area (40 feet from home). Pitching underhand and/or on one knee is permissible depending on the ability of the batter to hit the ball. A player may not pitch. **Pitching machines may not be used in ATLL games.** When a manager, coach, or adult assistant is pitching, a player from the opposing team shall play the position of pitcher for fielding purposes. A manager, coach or adult assistant shall take efforts to avoid fielding or participating in a defensive play.

- Batting. There will be no bases-on-balls awarded. There are no strikeouts. Each batter is permitted five (5) pitches before a batting tee shall be used to complete the “at-bat.” Each player shall be encouraged to hit the ball.
- Bats. All bats used in Little League must have a USA Baseball sticker on the bat. Bats can be as large as 2 5/8” diameter on the barrel. **Tee Ball bats may not be used in ATLL AA games**. For detailed information on the Little League bat standards go here: <http://www.littleleague.org/learn/equipment/baseballbatinfo/USA-Baseball-Bat-Standard-FAQs.htm>  
Penalties for use of a non-approved bat include the batter being out and the possible ejection of the manager. See Rule 6.06(d) in the Rulebook App. for details.
- Coaching. The offensive team may use no more three (3) adult coaches (2-base coaches, 1-hitting coach). The defensive team may use no more than two (2) adult coaches in the field.
- Bunts. No bunts are allowed.
- Infield Fly Rule. Not in effect.
- Stealing. No leading off base or stealing is allowed. No advancement on a passed ball or wild pitch. An advance to the next base can only take place when the ball is hit into fair territory.
- Dead Ball. Balls thrown back to the pitcher from the catcher are dead balls and not playable.
- Base Distance. The base distance will be 50 feet.
- No score shall be kept. No need for a scorekeeper.
- Rescheduling of Games. A game that is not started due to weather or other cause shall be rescheduled. The home team manager is responsible to contact the Field Coordinator to have the game rescheduled, and to coordinate the revised game time with the visiting team’s manager.

## GAME PRELIMINARIES

### Home Team Responsibilities:

- Provide one new game ball for use when the home team is in the field.
- Prepare, rake (must be certified for APD fields) and line the fields.
- Measuring for placement of bases (supply bases).
- Occupy the 1st base dugout.

### Visitor Team Responsibilities:

- Provide one new game ball for use when the visitor team is in the field.
- Supply a U.S. flag, and lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance & Little League Pledge.
- Occupy the 3rd base dugout.
- To assist the home team manager, coaches and parents in preparing the field for play (especially when the field is wet).

The Home and Visitor team parents should assist in preparing the field so that the managers and coaches can concentrate on pre-game activities with their team.

### **WARM-UP AND INFIELD PRACTICE**

- Visiting team infield practice commences at 25 minutes prior to the start time of the game for 10 minutes.
- Home team infield practice commences at 15 minutes prior to the start time of the game for 10 minutes.
- If normal infield practice time is not available, the teams shall equally split whatever time is available.

### **POST-GAME RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Both teams are responsible for removing all trash and other items from their respective dugouts and the field.
- The Home team is responsible for raking the home plate area, including both batter's boxes, and any base areas in need of repair.
- The Visiting team is responsible for raking the pitcher's mound area.
- Rakes are available for use in the green boxes located at Anderson Park District fields. Please return the rakes to the boxes when finished raking.