

## Long Hill Recreational Baseball

*This is an outline summarizing the 2024 LHBSA Recreation Baseball Rules. Any rule that is not covered in this outline will be covered by the 2024 Cal Ripken Babe Ruth Rule Book*

**League:** Minors

**Age/Grades:** 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Graders

**Players:** From Long Hill Only

**Regular Season Games:** 10 regular season games plus playoff

**Game Days:** Thursdays and Saturdays with some Tuesdays

**Interleague Games w/ Sending Districts:** Yes

**Umpires:** 1 umpire behind the plate

**Baseball Used:** Rawlings RCAL1 or Rawlings RCAL

**Bats:** USA Bat Standard

**Field Dimensions:** 46/60

**Pitching:** Player Pitch from 46 ft

**Pitch Rules, Count & Innings:** 65 pitches or 3 innings. 2 innings max when playing interleague against Warren/Watchung.

**Pitcher Rest:**

- 1-20 pitches: no rest
- 21-35 pitches: 1 day rest
- 36-50 pitches: 2 days rest
- 51-65 pitches: 3 days rest

**Playoff Pitching Rules:** The playoffs will NOT have an innings restriction and will go only by pitch counts and incorporate the Cal Ripken tournament rules as follows:

1-40 pitches: No Rest

41-65 pitches: 1 Day Rest

66+ pitches: 2 Days Rest

NOTE: A pitcher may NOT pitch in 3 consecutive games regardless of pitch count during the playoffs.

**Roster Bat:** Yes, all batters in line up but change sides on 3 outs

**Playing Time:** min 4 innings in the field per game

**Catcher:** Player

**Extra OF:** No

**Extra IF:** No

**Innings:** 6 innings unless subject to time limit

**Time Limit:** No new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes, no hard stop. No time limit in the playoffs.

**Max Runs per Inning:** Four Runs in innings 1-4, Uncapped in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> inning. There is no limit in the playoffs.

**Mercy Rule:** Yes, 10 runs after 4 at bats for the trailing team

**Outs Called:** Yes

**Balls and Strikes Called:** Yes

**Score Kept:** Yes

**Standings Kept:** Yes, Point System (3W, 2T, 1L). Interleague results count

**Tie Breakers:** (1) Points (2) Head to Head (3) Runs Allowed (4) Run Differential (5) Coin Flip

**Stealing:** Yes, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> only once ball has crossed plate (Player may not steal home or go home on an overthrow to 3B on a steal)

**Leading:** No primary, yes secondary once ball has crossed the plate

**Sliding:** feet first, head first allowed when going back to bag

**Courtesy Runner:** Allowed for P and C, anytime regardless of number of outs

**Extra Bases:** May take 2 bases on an overthrow

**Bunting:** Allowed

**Fake Bunting:** Not Allowed

**Slashing:** Not Allowed

**Balks:** NA

**Intentional Walks:** Not Allowed