

Riverside-Bradford Baseball League
Major A
Rules

1. The pitching distance is **50** feet at this level. Pitchers must be in contact with the rubber when they release the ball. **If not, then the umpires** will call an illegal pitch and a ball.
2. The base path distances are **70** feet. Base runners may lead at their own peril.
3. No big barrel (2-3/4 inch diameter) bats are allowed. All bats must have the “Little League” approved endorsement (Maximum barrel width of 2-1/4 inches, Maximum Length of 33 inches). A batter caught using a big barrel bat will be automatically out. A second offense by the same player will lead to ejection from the game and/or suspension.
4. At the umpire’s discretion, a pitcher may hit only two batters in an inning and three in a game. Velocity, control and intent will be factors.
5. Balks will be called. The umpire will issue one warning per pitcher per game. If a warning is issued, a coach may take an immediate trip to the mound to instruct the pitcher and will not be charged with a trip to the mound.
6. On an uncaught third strike with no runner on first base, or with two outs, the batter immediately becomes a runner and can advance to first base with liability to be put out. If, at the time of the strike three pitch, first base is occupied with fewer than two outs, the batter is out and does not become a runner, and all runners on base can advance at their own risk. A batter who does not realize his situation and is not in the process of running to first base will be declared out once he leaves the dirt circle surrounding home plate.
7. All available players will bat in the game in a continuous order. The order may be changed from game to game.
8. Each player must bat in one of the top 4 positions in the batting order at least twice during the season.
9. The umpire will issue one warning per team about throwing the bat. A second offense will result in an out.
10. Catchers and fielders cannot block a base. The runner must have access to the base. **Obstruction** will be called at the umpire’s discretion.
11. The infield fly rule will be enforced.
12. Umpires make final determination on ALL RULES. Little League Junior Division Baseball rules prevail on any situation not covered above.