ABA Cheat Sheet – Little League Intermediate
2026/2027 Season

Game Rules	Little League Intermediate
Innings	7 (min 5) (4 innings counts as a game, if game is stopped due to weather)
Time (game)	2 Hour 30 mins (No new innings after 2 hours 20 mins)
Mercy rule	15 after 4 or 10 after 5
Runs per innings (max)	6 runs max (+ any involved in the final play). Only applies to first 5 Innings.
Tied game	Extra Inns (no max) – one runner (last batter) on 2nd base. Batting order starts with the next batter in line-up from last 'at bat'.
Double Headers	Rules to be set by Competition Committee if DHs are scheduled
No. of Players / Line-up cards	8 min (9th is auto out) – full or partial roster may be on the line-up card, whether present or not. But no players may be added to the line-up after the plate meeting. Minimum play rules apply to everyone on the line-up card.
Continuous Batting line-up	Teams must follow a continuous batting order that will include all players on the team roster present for the game, batting in order. Regardless of substitutions and re-entries, each batter must bat in his/her original position in the batting order.
Pitcher max pitches (Note: may finish batter)	9-10yo = 75, 11-12yo = 85, 13–16yo = 95 Pitch count limits are determined by a player's age - DOB (not by the grade they play in).
Pitcher can return?	**YES**, a Pitcher removed from the mound (if they remain on the field defensively) can return, once. If they leave the game defensively for the bench they cannot return the rest of that day.
Intentional Walks	**YES**, Notification must come from the defensive manager only. A player may only be intentionally walked once per game.
Pitching in 2 games	**NO** – A player cannot pitch in more than one game in a day
Pitcher maybe can be catcher?	**YES,** but a pitcher who delivers 41+ pitches in a game cannot be catcher that **Day.** (Note: may finish batter and end on a count 41+ and still be eligible to play catcher) Catcher with 3 or less innings and delivering 21+ pitches may not return to Catcher that **Day**.
Catcher to Pitcher?	**YES**, only if the Catcher has not caught more than a maximum of 3 innings and not 1 pitch more. A player who has played the position of catcher in (4) or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar **Day**.
Catcher Other	ALL catchers must have a throat guard. All warm-up catchers incl. in bullpens must have a mask. No skull caps.
Catcher speed up rule?	**YES** – allows a courtesy runner to replace the catcher on base when there are two outs. Runner should be the last batter out.
Headfirst sliding	**YES**
Infield fly rule	**YES** - This is a judgement call of an umpire.
Dropped 3rd strike	**YES** - Batter is out if first base is occupied with fewer than two outs. If first base is

	unoccupied or there are two outs, the batter becomes a runner and must be put out by the defence.

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Stealing	**YES**
Balks	**YES** (LL Rule 8.05) *Please note LL rule differs from OBR*
Bats	USABat or BBCOR, Wood or wood composite (Max 34 inches long 2 5/8" barrel).
Metal Cleats	**YES**, subject to home club rules
Balls	**As approved by the League.**
Batter on-deck circle?	**YES** – must be position on side of batter's dugout
DH Allowed?	**EH** - Continual Batting order
Special Pinch Runner?	**NO** - Continual Batting order
Trips	3 Free (45 secs max). 2 trips in same innings to same pitcher = auto pitcher swap. 2 trips to same pitcher on same batter – not allowed, warn, then eject. Pitcher swap is NOT a visit. Every trip after 3 = pitcher must be swapped.
Re-entry	Free defensive rotation under the continuous batting order. A pitcher may return to pitch once, subject to the conditions in the "Pitcher can return?" rule above.
Dugout Coach	1 Adult coach must be in the dugout at all times. Players can be base coaches.
Protests	**Playing rule or improper substitution:** Must be made before next pitch, play or attempted play. **Mandatory Play:** As soon as the facts become known. **Ineligible pitcher or player**: As soon as facts become known, but before either teams' next game.
Foreign Substances	Pitchers must not apply foreign substances (including saliva, dirt or sticky substances) to the baseball. A rosin bag may be used to dry the pitcher's hands. Pine tar and similar grip substances are permitted on bat handles only, provided they do not extend onto the barrel or taper or obscure certification markings.

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