ABA Cheat Sheet – Little League Senior
2026/2027 Season

Game Rules	Little League Senior
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 DH's 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.
Mandatory play	If a regulation game, all players listed on the line up must have at least 6 consecutive outs and 1 at bat. A player who fails to meet minimum requirements in a game for any reason must be a starter in their next game, complete what was missed and then their mandatory play before being substituted. There is no mandatory play requirements for a game cut short for any reason.
Mandatory play – first at bat	Batter on his first at bat, must get out or reach home for a run. He may not be substituted during his first at bat, unless injured.
Pitcher max pitches (Note: may finish batter)	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 not substituted) can return, once.
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	**YES** – EXCEPTION, a 12yo playing in Junior & Senior league is not eligible to pitch in 2 games in a day. NOTE: If a pitcher reaches 30 pitches while facing a batter in the first game, the pitcher may "finish the batter". The pitcher would be allowed to pitch in a second game provided that pitcher is moved, removed, or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter. If a player delivers 31 or more pitches in the first game, and is not covered under the "finish a batter" exception, the player may not pitch in the second game that 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 (15/16-year-olds: 31+) may not return to Catcher that **Day**.
Catcher to Pitcher?	**YES**, only if the Catcher has not caught 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.

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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 or a substitute
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 less than two out
Stealing	**YES**
Balks	**YES** (LL Rule 8.05) *Please note LL rule differs from OBR*
Bats	BBCOR, or Wood/wood composite. Max 36 inches long 2 5/8" barrel. (USABAT NOT ALLOWED IN SENIOR LEAGUE)
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
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	A starter (not substitute) may re-enter in the SAME position in the batting order (only once), provided the player substituted has completed the mandatory play.
Dugout coach?	1 Adult coach must be in the dugout at all times. Players can be base coaches but must be wearing a double eared helmet while performing this task.
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.

<u>Bat allowed logos (DROP 3 ONLY)</u>

