

2017 Rule Changes are here: <http://www.littleleague.org/learn/rules/rulechanges.htm>

Key Rule Changes for 2017 that will be implemented by NALL are below.

Playing Rule 6.08(a)(2) – The Batter [Baseball]-

Divisions: Minor and Major Baseball Divisions

Allows a defensive team to intentionally walk a batter in Minor and Major Divisions. (Page 97).

Summary:

Prior to a pitch being thrown, the defense elects to “Intentionally Walk” the batter by announcing such decision to the plate umpire.

NOTE 1: Such notification must be made by the defensive manager. The manager must request and be granted “time” by the umpire and then inform the umpire of the defense’s intent to walk the batter.

NOTE 2: The ball is dead and no other runners may advance unless forced by the batter’s award. Four (4) pitches will be added to the pitch count.

Summary: just like MLB, no pitches needed for an intentional walk. This is a new rule, no local option

Tournament Rules

1. Names can be released June 1 for Tournament teams now.
2. One more year for the 10s, clarified 60% participation by start of the Tournament

Player Eligibility [Baseball, Softball]-

Divisions: All Baseball and Softball Divisions

Allows players league age 8, 9, and 10 to have additional year of Tournament eligibility. (Page 124 in Baseball; 118-119 in Softball); Mandates that players have 60% Regular Season participation prior to the start of Tournament to be eligible for Tournament selection and participation. (Page 124 in Baseball; 118-119 in Softball).

3. DA has to have Tournament Schedule by JUNE 1st now (let’s see if they do)
4. No tryouts, practices, or Special Games for tournament teams before June 1st, and insurance for tournament team doesn’t start until then.
5. In the **Tournament**, all batters **must** keep one foot in the box or be subject to penalties. In ALL divisions.