

2026 TNLL Regular Season Rules Summary Cheat Sheet - Baseball

Divisions	AAA	Majors	Juniors	Seniors
Manager/Coach	One manager and 2 coaches permitted			
Coach warming up pitcher	Allowed - no safety gear required			
Mandatory Play	1 at bat (completed through CBO) and 6 outs in the field, no running portion			Does not apply
Player arriving late	Place at the end of the line up			Manager discretion
Player injured leaves game	Skip over spot in batting order without penalty, can return but must go back to original spot; if unable to complete a plate appearance next batter resumes count; if unable to finish running bases, last player who was out takes spot on bases.			Does not apply
Batters box rule	Keep one foot in the box			
Penalty for batters box rule	After warning, dead ball, strike to batter		After warning, strike to batter, live ball	
On deck batter	Not allowed		Allowed	
Non wood bats	USA bat certification required		USA bat or BBCOR	BBCOR
Illegal bats	Batter enters batters box or found after at bat before next batter enters the box to use an illegal bat - dead ball, runners must return if they advanced, batter and team manager are ejected			
Pitching threshold	See pitching rules sheet			
Pitching multiple days	Not allowed to pitch in 3 consecutive days			
Pitcher returning	May not re-enter		If pitcher is moved to another defensive position they may return as a pitcher once per game	
Mercy rules	15@3, 10@4, and 8@5		15@4, 10@5, and 8@6	
5 run rule	Max of 5 runs earned each inning OR entire line up has batted	Open innings		
Ending games	No new inning after 1.5 hours	No new inning after 1.75 hours	See District 73 rules	
Ending games "early"	If 4 innings have been played and within 5 minutes of the ending games rules - umpire discretion			
Player re-entry	Players may be entered/re entered defensively at any time			
Pinch runner	Not applicable when using CBO			
Courtesy Runner	For pitcher and/or catcher with two outs, sub for last out made; allowed even the first time through the batting order			Not allowed

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Third strike not caught	Batter out	batter may run to first if first base unoccupied and less than two outs or even if first base occupied with 2 outs		
Intentional walk	Not allowed	At anytime a team can call time out and request an unpitched intentional walk. Once per batter per game. Pitches not pitched are added to the pitch count		
Protests	Playing rule/illegal substitution - before next pitch/play. Ineligible player/pitcher/mandatory play - within 24 hours of the game			
Visits to pitcher	on 3rd in inning must be pulled or on 4th in game	must be pulled on 2nd in inning or 3rd in game		
Jewelry	Jewelry is permitted, but umpire has discretion to declare unsafe if too large, dangling, etc			
Neoprene Sleeves	Do not need to be covered, must be solid color and not white or gray			
Complete game	6 innings max		7 innings max	
Stealing	When ball reaches the batter		Anytime	
Use of coach under age of 18years old (junior coach)	Can be in the dugout when on defense, but on offense must be on a base with a certified helmet on. Counts as one of your 3 coaches allowed.			
Food, including seeds and gum in the dugout and on the field	Not allowed in the dugout or on the field at any time. They cannot be picked up except by hand - welcome to chew them if you want to pick up after your game			
Modifications to bats	Not allowed. No choke up assists, choke knobs, 9 straps, etc			
Infield Fly	In use - when runners on 1st and 2nd or bases are loaded and there are less than 2 outs and an "easy to catch" fly ball is hit fair on the infield the batter is automatically out (regardless of whether ball is caught) and runners may advance at their own risk. If ball caught runners must tag. If not caught no tag necessary.			
General Strike Zone	Shoulders to knees and up to 2 balls on each side	Letters to knees	High School Strike zone	