



Hills Holiday Little League

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Anything not explicitly dealt with below is governed by the Hills Juniors Rulebook (Rev 3.99, published 27/9/10) and/or the Official Australian Baseball Rules, in that order of precedence. *This issue: FINAL*

Pitching Restrictions

- Approved balls.....Kenko C
- Approved bats31" max, -10 @ 2¼" diameter OR
Purpose-built Nankyu bats are acceptable
- Approved shoesFlexible soft-stops and similar
- Defence.....9 players
- Base Paths.....**Majors:** 70' (21.34m), **Minors:** 60' (18.30m)
- Pitching Distance.....**Majors:** 48' (14.63m), **Minors:** 46' (14.03m)
- Legal pitchesNo breaking pitches or knuckle balls.
- ParticipationAll available players must bat (ie: be on the lineup)
Managers are expected to give roughly equal game time to all players (*mandatory minimum is 40%*).
- Game DurationAs per The Draw. 6 innings maximum.
- Run Scoring Limits?**Majors:** No limit. **Minors:** 7 runs per inning maximum.
- Game CompletionNo new dig to start inside 10 minutes of the scheduled completion time. Bottom half of the final inning to progress only when the Home Team can tie or win the game {Consider the 7-run rule in Minors when deciding whether to call a game}.
- Battery RestrictionsCannot pitch & catch, or vice versa, on the same day.
Pitchers on mandatory rest (see table at right) cannot catch during that rest period either.
- Regulation Game60 minutes or 3 innings - (or 2½ if home team leads)
- Innings changeoverLesser of 60 seconds or 5 pitches
- Automatic outs?.....No, not even for missing players
- Dropped 3rd StrikeBatter is out, ball is live
- Stealing home**Both Majors & Minors:** Allowed when the ball evades the catcher, wild throw back to the pitcher, or after any play is attempted by the defence.
- Balk?Not in force.
- Runners' Leads**Majors:** S/he may leave once the ball is released by the pitcher. **Minors:** S/he may leave once the pitch crosses the plate or goes into foul territory.
- Stealing after a walkProhibited
- Official Rules?Pass Ball, Infield Fly, Base on Balls (Walk) and bunting. All apply.
- Pitching Restrictions.....See table at right. Also ...

On Saturday	
In the first game	In the second game
If a pitcher threw last Thursday a total of:-	Then in this game they are allowed to pitch up to ...
29 or less 30 - 54 55 - 65	29 None None
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Etiquette? Play to win! However, remember that this competition is either fun [Minors] or part of a trial process for those who aspire to a Tournament Team [Majors]. Let the former have fun, and let the latter show off their skills as well. Make friends with your opponents: encourage the kids to do the same.

PITCHING ASSIGNMENTS	
Assignment (rest required)	Pitches
Minor (no rest required)	29
Substantial (2 days rest)	54
Major (3 days rest)	65