



**DMLL AA DIVISION**  
POST SEASON PLAY  
RULES FOR DETERMINING POST SEASON QUALIFIERS  
RULES OF PLAY FOR POST SEASON

**I. AA Division Championship Series**

**American League Champion v. National League Champion**

The DMLL AAA Division Champion shall be determined by a best two out of three game **AA Division Championship Series** between the American League Champion and the National League Champion. This series shall be played at the conclusion of the regular season and immediately following completion of the American League Championship Tournament and National League Championship Tournament (as defined in Section II, below).

- A. The home team for the AA Division Championship Series shall be determined as follows:
1. The team with the better overall winning percentage in the regular season shall be the home team for games 1 and 3 and the visitor in game 2.
  2. In the event neither team has a better overall winning percentage in the regular season, the winner in head to head play shall be home team for games 1 and 3 and the visitor in game 2.
  3. If for any reason head to head play does not break this tie then the home team for games 1 and 3 shall be determined by a coin toss before game 1.

**II. League Championship Tournaments**

**Triple Elimination Tournament Format**

The American League Champion and the National League Champion shall each be determined by league wide championship tournament.

- A. At the conclusion of the regular season, there will be a triple elimination tournament in each of the American League (the "American League Championship Tournament") and National League (the "National League Championship Tournament") to determine the respective League Champions.
- B. All teams in each of the American and National Leagues shall play in their respective League Championship Tournaments.

C. The seeding for these tournaments shall be determined as follows:

1. Teams will be seeded by overall regular season record (i.e. the team with the best overall record in regular season play will be the first seed).
2. If two teams have the same overall record in regular season the following tie breakers will apply in descending order:
  - Head to head play
  - Intra-league record (record of games played against other teams within a teams own league)
  - Total Runs allowed during the regular season
  - Total Runs scored during the regular season
  - Coin toss
3. If three or more teams are tied for the same overall record in the regular season the following tie breakers will apply in descending order:
  - Intra-league record (record of games played against other teams within a teams own league)
  - Total Runs allowed during the regular season
  - Total Runs scored during the regular season
4. If teams are still tied after applying all tie breakers then the Division Coordinator shall supervise a blind draw which will result in remaining teams being designated to their respective seeding.

D. The home team in each of the League Championship Tournament games shall be determined as follows:

1. The team with the higher seeding at the start of the tournament shall be the home team.

### **III. Postseason Tournament Rules**

All Postseason games will be played according to the current DMLL AA Regular Season Rules of Play unless specifically noted in the following.

- A. Pitching: A manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the following pitch count limits:
  - a. No pitcher will pitch more than 35 pitches.
  - b. If a pitcher reaches the limit of 35 pitches while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until one of the following occurs:
    - That batter reaches base, or
    - That batter is put out.
- B. The postseason tournament will use current Little League Regular Season pitch count rules and rest requirements as defined in the current 'Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball' section IV – PITCHERS.

Pitchers must adhere to the following rest requirements:

- If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 51 - 65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be

- observed.
  - If a player pitches 36 - 50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
  - If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.
  - If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no calendar day of rest is required.
- C. For the period between the last regular season game and the first postseason tournament game the rest requirements will be those of the current Little League Regular Season rules (not Del Mar Little League Regular Season Rules).
- D. A player may not pitch in more than one game in a day. A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.
- E. A 10 run mercy rule will be in effect. The losing team must bat at least four times.
- F. There will be a 5 run rule limit per inning. The 6th inning and any extra innings will not have a run rule limit.
- G. Tie games must be continued. Any tie games that are suspended because of darkness will be scheduled to complete prior to advancement to the next tournament game.
- H. Discipline and good sportsmanship shall be maintained at all times. This applies to dugouts as well as stands. Managers are responsible for the conduct of players, coaches, and parents/fans. If a manager, coach, spectator, or player is ejected from a game, he/she must immediately leave the playing and spectator areas. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit. Ejection from a game will result in suspension from the remainder of the tournament.

***Home Team:***

- The home team will prep the field and put all equipment out including bases, etc.
- The home team will occupy the first base dugout.
- The home team supplies at least three game balls.
- The home team will keep the official scorebook.
- The home team will designate an official pitch count recorder who is responsible for maintaining the official pitch counts for all pitchers
- The home team manager is responsible for imputing the official score, pitch count, and player absences upon being prompted to do so by an email that is sent out by the league.

***Visiting Team:***

- The visiting team will be responsible for the field breakdown, putting all equipment away, repairing holes on the pitching mound, repairing the batters' box, and cleaning up trash.
- The visiting team will occupy the third base dugout.
- The visiting team should supply at least two game balls as backup.
- The visiting team will keep a scorebook for itself.
- The visiting team will keep a pitch count for all pitchers.