

ULLL 2020 Summer Rules – Majors Division
LOCAL PLAYING RULES

ULLL Local Rules for the Summer Majors Division (Updated – 6 July 2020):

1. **Batter Keeping One Foot In Batter's Box**

After entering the batter's box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one foot throughout the at bat.

Exceptions:

1. On a swing, slap, or check swing.
2. When forced out of the box by a pitch.
3. When the batter attempts a "drag bunt."
4. When the catcher does not catch the pitched ball.
5. When a play has been attempted.
6. When time has been called.
7. When the pitcher leaves the dirt area of the pitching mound or takes a position more than five feet from the pitcher's plate after receiving the ball or the catcher leaves the catcher's box.
8. On a three ball count pitch that is a strike that the batter thinks is a ball.

Penalty: If the batter leaves the batter's box or delays play and none of the exceptions apply, the umpire shall warn the batter. After one warning on a batter, the umpire shall call a strike. Any number of strikes can be called on each batter. No pitch has to be thrown, the ball is dead, and no runners may advance. NOTE: The batter may return their position in the batter's box and assume the new count at any time during the at-bat, unless such enforced penalty is the third strike.

2. **Special Summer 2020 Rules**

- a. There is a continuous batting order. As such, if a player is late for the start of the game, s/he should be added to the bottom of the batting order (at the manager's discretion).
- b. Mandatory Playing Time: No player may sit out defensively more than one (1) inning in a row at a time.
- c. Teams will define their catchers before the game. Designated catchers can use team provided catchers gear or use their own catchers gear. In doing so, all of the catcher's gear will be provided to the player with their personal equipment before the game. Players are not to use any catchers gear that has been used by any other player during the game. Only one catcher per set of catcher's gear will be permitted during any game.
- d. Coaches or the Active Catcher (in their full gear) will be able to warm up pitchers – both on the field or in the bullpen.

3. **Stealing and Relaying of Pitch Selection and Location**

Each umpire has authority to disqualify any player, coach, manager, or substitute for objecting to decisions or for unsportsmanlike conduct or language and to eject such disqualified person from the playing field. If an umpire disqualifies a player while a play is in progress, the disqualification shall not take effect until no further action is possible in that play. The stealing and relaying of signs to alert the batter of pitch selection and/or location is unsportsmanlike behavior. If, in the judgment of the umpire this behavior is occurring, those responsible including any player(s), coach(es), and/or manager shall be ejected from the game.