

M-ALL SUSPENDED GAMES RULES

Given that we have tie games that must resume on a different day, the below is an effort to compile Little League and M-ALL local rules that can impact the resumption of a game. Some of the below is an interpretation of Little League rules, given that in some cases, the application of the Little League rules under these circumstances is unclear. To the extent a situation is not covered below, the Little League rules and our M-ALL rules will govern the situation.

- 1. <u>General</u>. A game that is declared by the Umpire as suspended (due to darkness, weather or other reasons and as further explained in Little League Rule 4.10) is to be continued as soon as feasible before the two teams involved are scheduled to play again but in all cases before playoffs begin. See M-ALL rules for the type of games that will be suspended (i.e. tie games that do not conclude as well as games that have not reached the minimum number of innings to constitute a regulation game.)
- 2. <u>Starting the Resumed Game</u>. A suspended game is resumed from the exact point at which it was halted in the original game. The batting order of both teams when the game is resumed shall be exactly the same as the original game. The lineup of both teams may change in the same manner that it may change during the course of a continuously played game, subject to the playing time and other rules.
- 3. <u>Injured Players/Players Not Attending</u>. A player removed due to injury in the original game may return when the game is resumed. A player that did not play in the original game may play when the game is resumed (but is not required to play). A player that did not play in the original game will bat at the bottom of the order. A player injured in the original game who has returned for the resumed portion of the game bats in the order the player batted in the initial portion of the game.
- 4. Playing Time Rules. Playing time rules must be observed for the game as a whole (considering both the original game and its resumed portion. Any player who has not satisfied the minimum playing time rules must play a number of innings and/or in the infield in the resumed portion of the game so that the playing time rules are satisfied for the single game. Players that did not play in the original game (whether due to injury or otherwise) are considered late arriving players for the purposes of the batting order and minimum play requirements.
- 5. <u>Eligible Pitchers</u>. A Pitcher that was removed from the mound in the original game may not return as Pitcher when the game is resumed. The Pitchers of record when the original game is suspended are eligible to pitch when the game is resumed, subject to the normal Pitcher rest rules leading up to the day the game is resumed (e.g., a Pitcher who pitches more than 20 pitches in the original game is not eligible to pitch if the game is resumed the next day and a pitcher who pitches more than 20 pitches against another team the day before the resumed portion of the game is not eligible to pitch in the resumed portion of the game). For the purposes of maximum number of allowed pitches per day and required future rest time, the pitch count for a Pitcher who pitches in the resumed game will start at zero, regardless of whether that Pitcher pitched in the original game.



- 6. <u>Pitching in More than One Game</u>. Pitchers may not pitch in more than one game in a single day. For example, a Pitcher who pitches at any point in a resumed game is not eligible to pitch in a second game on the same day.
- 7. Pitching/Catching in Four Innings. Any player who has played Catcher in four (4) or more innings (could be one pitch in the inning) on a day is not eligible to pitch on that day. For example, if the resumed game is played on the same day of another game, a player may not catch in 4 innings total (whether the innings are in the resumed game or the other game) and pitch or have pitched on that day in either game. In addition, a player that caught in 4 innings in the original game may pitch in the resumed game on a different day, provided that other rules or another game on that day does not change the application of this rule.
- 8. <u>40 Pitches/Catching</u>. A Pitcher who delivers more than 40 pitches in a game cannot play the position of Catcher <u>thereafter</u> on that day. For example, if a resumed game is played on the same day as another game (with the resumed game being played first), a Pitcher who throws more than 40 pitches in the resumed game cannot Catch thereafter in the resumed game or in the other game. In addition, if a Pitcher threw more than 40 pitches in the original game, the Pitcher may Catch in a resumed game on a different day, provided that other rules or another game on that day does not change the application of this rule.