



Little League Rule 4.10 Game-Ending Rule Summary

When is a Game Official?

- **Majors & Below (6-Inning Games):**
 - Official after 4 innings (or 3½ innings if the home team is ahead).
- **Intermediate (50/70), Juniors, Seniors (7-Inning Games):**
 - Official after 5 innings (or 4½ innings if the home team is ahead).

When is a Game Considered “Called”?

- A game is **called** when the umpire ends it early due to weather, darkness, or unsafe conditions.

If Not Yet a Regulation Game:

- If a game is called before it becomes regulation, it is suspended—not canceled.
- The game must be resumed later from the exact point of suspension, with the same lineup and count/situation.

If the Game is Called After It’s Regulation:

- The score at the end of the last completed inning stands.
- If the home team is ahead and batting when the game is called, the score at that moment stands.

Forfeits

- A game may be forfeited if a team cannot field enough players or violates major rules.

Run Rule (Mercy Rule) – if One Team Leads by a Large Margin

Purpose: Ends one-sided games early to avoid unnecessary play.

- **Majors & Minors:**
 - **15+ runs** after **3 innings** (or **2½ innings** if the home team is ahead).
 - **10+ runs** after **4 innings** (or **3½ innings** if the home team is ahead).
 - **8+ runs** after **5 innings** (or **4½ innings** if the home team is ahead).
- **Intermediate (50/70), Juniors, Seniors:**
 - **15+ runs** after **4 innings** (or **3½ innings** if the home team is ahead).
 - **10+ runs** after **5 innings** (or **4½ innings** if the home team is ahead).
 - **8+ runs** after **6 innings** (or **5½ innings** if the home team is ahead).