



2020-2021 RULES QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

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This a quick reference guide only and should be read in conjunction with the **2020-2021 MBL RULES v8** document which can be found at www.macarthurbaseball.com.au

COMPETITION	Aussie T-Ball	U8 T-Ball	LLMinor Zooka	LLMinor Player Pitch	Little League Majors	Intermediate League	Junior League	Senior League	Saturday Seniors	Lee Richardson Cup (Over 35s)				
Game Duration <i>(Regular Season)</i>	1 hour	1 hour 15 mins	1 hour 30 mins or 6 innings	1 hours 30 mins or 6 innings	1 hour 45 mins or 6 innings	2 hours or 7 innings	2 hours or 7innings	2 hours 15 min or 7 innings	2 hours or 7 innings	1 hour 45 mins or 7 innings				
Balls	8.5" Reduced Injury Ball			Regular 9" Wilson A1010 or Equivalent <i>(as per MBL Rule 10.1)</i>										
Base Paths	50 feet		60 feet			70 feet	80 feet	90 feet						
Pitching Distance <i>(from the point of Home Plate to the front of the pitching rubber)</i>	Pitcher to be no closer than 40 feet from home plate		40 feet centre stem of machine and 2'6" off centre	46 feet		50 feet	54 feet	60 feet 6 inches						
Metal Cleats	No					Yes								
On Deck Batter	No					Yes								
Run Limit <i>(Regular Season)</i>	Not Applicable No scoring		Maximum 4 runs for the first 3 innings, then open						Div 2 and lower (inc O35s): 5 runs first 4 innings + runners on base can score					
Mercy Rule <i>(Regular Season)</i>	Not Applicable No scoring		10 runs up after 4 innings			15 runs up after 4 innings / 10 runs up after 5 innings				10 runs up after 5 innings				
Pitching Restrictions <i>(Can finish the batter)</i>	Not Applicable No pitching		League Age	9-14	15-18	League	LLMinPP	LLMaj	Int Lge	Jnr Lge	Sen Lge	League Age	15-18	18+
			MBL Max	60 pitches	80 pitches	Inns/DO	3 inn	3 inn	3 inn	3 inn	4 inn	MBL Max	80 pitches	120 pitches
DH Rule	No					Yes								
Pitch & Catch	Age based, not competition based. For all players under 18: No pitch & catch same game. No re-pitching once removed.									N/A				
Head-first Slide	No						Yes							
Catcher's Helmet	Batting style helmet		Hockey style with throat guard						Mask with helmet					
Base Stealing	No Lead					Lead allowed								
Dropped 3rd Strike	Not Applicable		Automatic Out - MBL Rule 12.7	Automatic Out Ball remains "live"		Yes. Rule of Baseball 7.13								
Mandatory Play	Continuous		1 Plate Appearance and 3 DO's or 30mins			1 Plate Appearance and 3 DO's or 45mins			N/A					
Specific Rules	Continuous Batting. No Pass Ball Rule - Runner get the base to which they were advancing. Time called when: 1. No play possible 2. Ball controlled ahead of the lead runner OR 3. Ball controlled at home plate		Machine speed 38-40mph. BATTED ball hits Zooka, dead ball, batter returns, runners return. THROWN ball hits Zooka, ball alive. Tee used first 4 rounds after 3 strikes.										Bat 12 Unlimited interchange	