

Palo Alto Little League –Guidance for Umpires on Selected Rules

1. **Pilot Pitch Count Program:** PALL has elected to participate in the pilot pitch count program instituted by Little League for 2006 (see modified Regulation VI in the Local Rulebook for full details). The home team scorekeeper is responsible for maintaining a running count of pitches delivered by each pitcher (both teams) and recording this count in the official (home team) scorebook. Umpires should verify that the managers have exchanged pitcher eligibility information as applicable to any players that have pitched within the previous five (5) days. Umpires should request that the scorekeeper advise them when any player is within ten (10) pitches of their single-game limit (75 pitches for 10-year olds and younger, 85 pitches for 11- and 12-year olds). If a pitcher reaches their pitch count limit in the middle of an at-bat, they may finish pitching to that batter but must be removed from the mound before delivering a single pitch to the next batter. NOTE: an intentional walk may be granted upon request by the pitcher at any point during an at-bat without delivering additional pitches.
2. **Bat restrictions:** Only bats labeled as compliant with the BPF 1.15 standard may be used in games. Specific bats identified by the PALL Safety Officer may also be disallowed. For the 2006 regular season, bats manufactured by the Anderson Bat Company are not permitted for use on Palo Alto playing fields.
3. **Pitcher Warm ups:** Managers and coaches are not permitted to warm up pitchers either on the field or in the bullpen. Pitches may only be delivered to a player wearing an approved catcher's mask with throat protector and a protective cup; a manager or coach may stand by to observe, but may not catch pitches.
4. **Base Coaches:** Although two adults are permitted to be base coaches, at least one adult coach and/or manager must remain in the dugout at all times. No more than one (1) manager and two (2) coaches may be within the confines of the playing field or dugout at any time during a game. (Non-coaching scorekeepers may not be in the dugout, and batboys/batgirls are specifically prohibited.) When not base-coaching, a manager and coaches are allowed to be outside the dugout in foul territory but no more than arm's length from a dugout entrance.
5. **More About Base Coaches:** Base coaches may not take their positions in the coaching boxes until a pitcher completes his preparatory pitches. Be sure that no one stands outside the dugout behind first base during warm-ups to prevent injuries that might occur due to overthrows.
6. **No on-deck batter:** Only the first batter each inning may be outside the dugout. Use of the traditional "batting donut" is specifically disallowed. At no time are players allowed to leave the dugout prior to their at-bat to take preparatory swings, but immediately before entering a batter's box a player may be permitted by the umpire to take one or more such swings.
7. **Balls:** Home-team manager should provide three (3) new balls for each game.