

SWAN HILLS ACES – 2025-26 ByLaws

In addition to the BWA Little League By-Laws 2025 – 2026, the following By-Laws shall apply to the Swan Hills Aces Little League Charter.

Coaches **must** comply to the By Laws of the Charter League they are playing in. The following are for the Swan Hills League,

1. Pitching

- The following criteria applies all games played before Xmas 2025
 - A player **must not** throw more than 150 pitches ('finish the batter' will apply) over this period
 - A minimum of six (6) players **must** throw at least 70 pitches over this period
- Exhibition Game pitch limit 40 pitches or 2 innings max – whichever comes first
- Regular Season Game pitch limit (per LL International pitch count rules for each age group [Regular Season Pitching Rules – Little League](#))
- Coaches are to ensure every player takes the position of pitcher during exhibition at least once. If the player/parent is unable/unwilling the coach must inform the Aces Charter competitions Manager and the Kalamunda Rangers committee.

2. Catching

- The following criteria applies to the games played before Xmas 2025
 - A player **must not** play the catcher position more than ten (10) innings over this period
 - A minimum of four (4) players **must** catch at least five (5) innings over this period
- Exhibition Game catcher limit – a player cannot 'catch' for more than two (2) innings)
- Regular Season Game catching limit – four (4) innings max
- Coaches are to ensure every player takes the position of catcher during exhibition at least once. If the player/parent is unable/unwilling the coach must inform the Aces Charter competitions Manager and the Kalamunda Rangers committee.

3. **Pitcher/ Catcher Double-ups** – A player cannot pitch and catch in the same game (will apply to the entire season)
4. **Four Runs Across the Plate** – For the games before Xmas 2025, a half inning will end at the earlier of three outs or four (4) runs across the plate (will revert to the earlier of six (6) runs across the plate or three outs for the second half of the season)
5. **Dropped Third Strike** – Dropped Third Strike will come into effect after the Christmas break

Machine Pitch

To make the game quicker in the beginning and allow players to get used to the catching position the Aces will make the following allowance,

- **Catching**
- **For the first 4 rounds only.** In lieu of a suited-up catcher in the traditional position, the catcher will start the game as a non-suited up catcher. This player must start each play safely behind the back net and can only enter the field if the ball is missed by the hitter and needs to be retrieved or the ball is put in play by the hitter.
- Players who are confident to play the traditional position can do so from the start of the season
- Coaches are to ensure every player takes the traditional position of catcher during the season at least once. If the player/parent is unable/unwilling the coach must inform the Aces Charter competitions Manager and the Kalamunda Rangers committee.