



## **BYBSA General Rules**

### *9-10 Boys Division*

#### **General Rules**

1. Commissioner will assemble teams.
2. **Bases will be set at 60 feet. Pitchers mound at 43 feet.**
3. **Minimum number of players is 8 to start a game.** May borrow a player or two from the opposing team.
4. There will be playoffs at the end of the year. More details on that along with a possible All Star Game Tournament.
5. Each game will be **6 innings and last no longer than 1 hour and 30 minutes.**
  - a. At the 80 minute mark, the umpire may not start another inning and the home team will have its last at bat unless already ahead in runs scored.
  - b. **No Mercy Rule**
6. All games shall start at the designated time. If an umpire is not available, one coach from each team shall umpire. Balls and Strikes will be called from behind the pitcher.
7. Players, managers and coaches only shall occupy the bench or dugout during the game.
8. Each team shall supply 1 new game ball each game. Other gently used baseballs can be used (old game balls) to help speed the game along.
9. It is mandatory for players to wear all safety equipment supplied by BYBSA
10. Each team must designate an official scorekeeper.

#### **Defensive Rules**

1. No coaches are permitted to be in the field during play.
2. No more than 6 infielders are allowed (1B, 2B, SS, 3B, P, C)
  - a. No defensive shifts (players must play natural positions)
3. No more than 4 outfielders are allowed (must be positioned at least 5-10 feet into the outfield grass)
4. No position changes are permitted once the inning begins, unless there is a pitcher removal or a player that must leave the field.
5. No player can play outfield/bench two consecutive innings.
6. No player can sit out a second inning until all players have sat out one inning.
7. All players must play an infield position (not counting catcher) at least 1 inning.

## **Offensive Rules**

1. The inning will end after 3 outs, or 6 runs scored, or 1 full time through the order (whichever happens first)
2. Batters may take as many bases as they can before the ball is thrown back to the **pitcher**. Pitchers must be near the pitcher's mound in order for time to be called. Outfielders and infielders must work on getting the ball back to the pitcher.
  - a. Once time is called, umpire will make a call allowing runner to take the base they are going to or if they must go back to the previous base (half way rule)
3. Player **cannot** advance to the next base on an overthrow.
4. Base runners are not permitted to leave until the ball has been hit.
5. No bunts, leadoffs, no steals.
6. No infield fly rule
7. No dropped third strike rule.
8. Courtesy Runner for Catcher is allowed at any point.

## **Pitching**

1. A pitcher may pitch no more than 6 outs or 75 pitches per game.
2. Pitching threshold for required rest.
  - a. 55-75 pitches, 40 hours rest
  - b. 25-54 pitches, 30 hours rest
  - c. 1-24 pitches, no rest is required
3. Pitchers meeting a threshold during an at bat may complete the at bat without being considered to have exceeded the threshold.
4. A designated coach must be assigned to tracking pitch counts.
5. A pitcher removed from the mound cannot return to the mound in the same inning.
6. Intentional Walks are not permitted
7. If a pitcher hits three batters in 1 inning, he must be removed from that inning. The pitcher cannot return to the mound until the next inning.
8. If a player walks four players in an inning, a pitching change must occur OR the coach can choose to pitch to finish out an inning.

## **Evaluation**

1. Each coach will be required to fill out a player evaluation at the end of the year. This evaluation will be essential in helping form teams in the future.