



BYBSA General Rules

11-12 Boys Division

General Rules

1. Commissioner will assemble teams.
2. **Bases will be set at 70 feet. Pitchers mound at 50 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. **15 runs after 4 innings is the 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. For innings 1-4, there will be a 6 run max limit. The inning will end after 3 outs, or 6 runs scored, or 1 full time through the order (whichever happens first). For the last 2 innings (innings 5 and 6), there will not be a max run limit and the team will keep hitting until 3 outs are recorded.
2. Batters may take as many bases as they can. (normal baseball rules)
3. Lead Offs are **NOT** allowed.
4. **Steals are allowed**; however, the runner is not allowed to leave until the ball crosses the plate.
 - a. **Runners are NOT allowed to advance bases on an overthrow** when stealing.
 - b. **When stealing 3rd base, runners are NOT allowed to run home on an overthrow of the base.**
 - c. **Runners are NOT allowed to steal home.**
 - d. **Runners are NOT allowed to steal home on a passed ball past the catcher. They must remain at 3rd Base.**
5. A runner on **3rd base may only score on a batted ball or if forced** (walk, hit batman)
6. Infield Fly Rule is in effect
7. Courtesy runners for catchers are allowed at any time

Pitching

1. A pitcher may pitch no more than 9 outs or 85 pitches per game.
2. Pitching threshold for required rest.
 - a. 75 pitches or more, 60 hours rest
 - b. 55-74 pitches, 40 hours rest
 - c. 25-54 pitches, 30 hours rest
 - d. 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.

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.