

2018 DYB Minor Rules and Regulations

Coaches, players, and spectators are expected to maintain an acceptable code of conduct at all times (i.e. actions intended to harass or verbally abuse, foul language, etc.).

Time Limit: No new inning shall begin after 75 minutes, unless the game has a tie score. In the event of a tie game after time has expired, 1 additional inning may be played. If the game is still tied after the additional inning of play, the game shall be officially rule a tie game.

Pitching: Pitchers must be removed when their pitch count reaches 65 pitches for that day, however the pitcher may remain in the game at another position. **If a pitcher reaches the 65 pitch limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until: the batter reaches base, the batter is put out, or the third out is made to complete the half inning.** A pitcher can't return to the mound after he has been replaced. Rest clock begins once the pitcher leaves the mound. (Each team should keep track of both teams' pitch count and confer between each half inning to ensure correct count. If there is a dispute, the official scorebook will be the official count).

Innings: an inning is complete after three (3) outs or seven (7) runs are scored. The exception is when the batters hits a ball fair and out of play (homerun or ground rule double), in that case any base-runners who score as a result will be counted as a run.

Baserunning Rule: after a pitch, once the catcher has control of the ball and the runner has stopped moving forward. He must return directly to base. He cannot dance around trying to draw a throw. If the catcher makes an errant throw to pitcher, runner may advance.

Runner Leaving Early: If, in umpire's judgement, a runner leaves before ball crosses plate, a delayed dead ball is called. The runner is at liability of being put out. **First offense:** the team will be given a warning and the defensive team may take the result of the pitch/play or may return runner to base he left and a no pitch will be declared. **Second and subsequent offense:** the defensive team can take result of pitch/play or can allow runner to be called out and no pitch declared.

Players: Teams can play shorthanded with 8 players but are encouraged to use our pick up player rule (pick up from younger division – see bylaws). Any time you drop below 9 players in your batting order, the 9th spot is an out. If you start with 10 or more players and a player must leave for any reason, there is no penalty unless you drop below 9 players. If you drop below 9 players, an out is recorded in the 9th/vacated spot. Teams cannot play with less than 8 players.

Pitcher rest requirements:

1-20 pitches in a day: no (0) calendar day of rest required.

21-45 pitches in a day: 44 hours of rest is required

46-65 pitches in a day: 68 hours of rest is required

*****The pitch count and hours rest is used in lieu of Cal Ripken's rest rules*****