

## 2018 DYB Major 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 80 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 75 pitches for that day, however the pitcher may remain in the game at another position. **If a pitcher reaches the 75 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. No run limit per inning.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>/vacated spot. Teams cannot play with less than 8 players.

Pitcher rest requirements:

1-25 pitches in a day: no rest required.

26-50 pitches in a day: 44 hours of rest is required

51-75 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\*\****