

JUNIOR BASEBALL LEAGUE RULES

FOR Ten - Eleven Year Olds

Games will be scheduled at 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. or within 5 minutes of the completion of the previous game, whichever ever comes last. No new inning may begin more than 1 hour and 15 minutes after the first pitch. A new inning is considered to have started immediately after the first pitch in the top half of the inning.

National and American League Common Rules

- There will be a five-run limit per inning, per team.
- All games will be six innings in length or within the games time limit.
- A game halted because of the time limit will be considered a complete game.
- Games stopped due to inclement weather or darkness will be considered an official game, provided that four innings have been completed, or three and one-half innings if the home team is leading.
- The strike zone shall be from the shoulders to the bottom of the knee and to one ball width to either side of home plate, as called by the umpire. Balls and strikes are not subject to review; the umpire's call is final. The first incident of a coach or player arguing a ball/strike call will result in a warning to the player, coach or both. Subsequent incidents will result in the player being called out, the coach removed from the game, or both.
- A dropped ball by the catcher on the third strike will result in the batter being called out; runners may advance at their own risk.
- No player that arrives on time will sit 2 innings until all players have sat 1 inning.
- All players should play a non-outfield position for 1 full inning within the first 4 innings of every game at which they arrive on time.
- **Metal cleats** are not allowed; soccer-type shoes with molded cleats are permitted.
- Coaches must ensure equal playing time for all players.
- Batting line-up will be in a continuous order for regular season games. For example, if batter #4 was the last out of the game batter #5 starts the next game. All teams must have a set batting order by the 3rd game played. Players missing a game or arriving late will resume their normal slot in the continuous order.
- The bases will be 60 feet apart, and the pitching mound will be 46 feet from the leading edge of home plate, as arranged by the grounds keeper. Coaches may not relocate bases.
- The infield fly rule shall not apply.
- The barrel of any game used bat shall not exceed 2 1/4 inches in diameter.

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National and American League Common Rules (cont.)

- During regular season play, a pitcher may pitch a maximum of two innings per game. During tournament play, a pitcher may pitch a maximum of three innings. Any part of an inning pitched shall constitute a full inning.
- Runners may not lead off any base until a pitch has reached home plate.
- The first incident per team will result in a dead ball called a strike. A warning will be given to the coach and player, whereby all runners must return to their original base. The ball will be re-pitched, unless the batter is ruled out.
- Subsequent incidents will result in dead ball called strike, and the offending runner will be called out. All other runners must return to their original base and the ball will be re-pitched, unless the batter is ruled out.
- Any batted ball, which comes in contact with an umpire before being touched by a legal defensive or offensive player, is considered a dead ball.
- **NO COACHES WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE FIELD OF PLAY WHILE THE BALL IS LIVE OR IN PLAY**

SPECIAL RULES

- **NATIONAL LEAGUE :**
No Stealing of Home Plate. Runner can only go home on Hit Ball.
- **AMERICAN LEAGUE**
: Stealing of Home Plate is Allowed