



BYAA Summer 2008 7-8 Year Old Rules

RULES OF PLAY (Amendments according to Cal Ripken rules)

1.01 The playing field shall be laid out according to the recommended dimensions:

AGE DIVISION	BASES	PITCHING
7-8	60'	44'

2.01 The official bat shall be round in cross section for its entire length, straight from end to end for its entire length and smooth surfaced in the hitting area. The maximum diameter shall not exceed two and five eighths (2 5/8) inches and the maximum length shall not exceed thirty-six (36) inches. Any material to improve the grip may be used for a distance not to exceed eighteen (18) inches from the handle end. Any such material or substance, which extends past the eighteen (18) inch limitation, shall cause the bat to be removed from the game. The bat shall be constructed of wood, aluminum, or any other material or combination of materials unless such materials or combination of materials are specifically disapproved by BYAA. Such disapproval shall be in the sole discretion of BYAA and may be made without notice.

Rule 2.01 Comment: If the umpire discovers that the bat does not conform to **Rule 2.01** until a time during or after which bat has been used in play, it shall not be grounds for declaring the batter out, or ejection from the game.

3.01 Game Preliminaries:

3.01.A In league, a regulation game consists of five (5) innings or 1 hour and 15 minutes time limit.

3.01.B Team Line-ups:

3.01.B.1 All games will be played with free substitution.

3.01.B.2 All players will be allowed to play defense. The two opposing coaches and the umpire will declare, before the game starts, whether both teams will put 10 players on the field or all of the players. Both opposing coaches must agree on either option. If both coaches don't agree, then each team will put all players on the field (all coaches voted on this in the initial meeting).

3.01.B.3 Teams shall bat all players.

3.01.B.4 No player shall sit on the bench for more than one consecutive inning.

3.01.C A game may be extended because the score is tied after the completion of the regulation number of innings or time limit, in which case, play shall continue one more complete inning.

3.01.D The maximum number of runs a team can score per inning is 5 runs, except for 10 runs in the last inning.

4.01 Playing Rules:

4.01.A If a runner attempting to reach home plate intentionally and maliciously runs into a defensive player in the area of home plate, he will be called out on the play and ejected from the game at the umpire's discretion.

4.01.B The catcher shall not block home plate when attempting to put out a runner trying to score from third base.

Rule 4.01.B Comment: When enforcing this rule, the umpire should judge the runner's intent. If the umpire adjudges that the contact was unintentional, then the runner shall only be called out. If the umpire adjudges that the contact was intentional and / or malicious, then the runner shall be called out and ejected from the game.

4.01.C A batter gets 3 strikes or 6 pitches. If the batter fouls the sixth pitch, a seventh pitch will be thrown. If no contact is made, then the batter is out. If the batter fouls the seventh pitch, then an eighth pitch will be thrown, so forth and so on. The batter will receive 7 pitches only if the sixth pitch is fouled.

4.01.D A ball thrown into the infield has to be in possession of an infielder to stop the play.

4.01.E No stealing. The runners have to stay on the base until the ball is hit.

4.01.F Once the ball is in possession of the infielder, all runners must stop at the closest base.

4.01.G No bunting.

4.01.H No stealing home.