



BYAA Summer 2008 9-10 Year Old Rules

RULES OF PLAY (Amendments according to Cal Ripken and USSSA rules)

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

AGE DIVISION	BASES	PITCHING
9-10	60'	46'

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 (6) innings or 1 ½ hours time limit.

3.01.B Team Line-ups:

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

3.01.B.2 Teams will play with 9 defensive players. However, teams may play with an eight (8) player line-up. If a team plays with an eight (8) player line-up, an out shall be declared for the ninth (9th) position in the batting line-up each turn at bat.

Rule 3.01.B.2 Comment: Any player(s) arriving after the game has begun, shall be added to the bottom of the batting line-up.

3.01.B.3 Teams shall have the option of batting everyone in the line up consecutively or bat everyone at least once per game.

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 10 runs.

3.01.E An imposed Mercy (Run) Rule shall be used, if applicable, to complete a regulation game when one team's margin of lead is greater than or equal to the listed run differential in the corresponding listed start inning.

LENGTH OF GAME	RUN DIFFERENTIAL	INNING
6 Innings	15 Runs	4 th
	8 Runs	5 th

Rule 3.01.E Comment: In enforcing any part of this rule, the home team shall not bat if they are winning and the mercy requirement is met prior to the bottom half of the listed start inning. Likewise, if the home team is batting and meets the mercy requirement in the bottom half of a listed start inning, the home team shall cease batting at that moment and the game will end.

4.01 Playing Rules:

4.01.A In all age divisions, an Intentional Walk may be issued upon announcement from the catcher or pitcher. It is not necessary to throw the four (4) pitches.

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

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

4.01.D When a pitcher is in contact with the pitcher's mound and in possession of the ball and the catcher is in the catcher's box ready to receive delivery of the ball, base runners shall not leave their bases until the ball has been released from the pitcher's hand.

5.01 Pitching Rules & Regulations:

5.01.A Limitations of innings pitched:

5.01.A.1 A pitcher may not throw more than three (3) innings in one game, four (4) innings per day, and six (6) innings per week.

5.01.A.1 Comment: The ASMI (American Sports Medicine Institute) recommends that 9-10 year old pitchers should not pitch more than 50 pitches per game and 75 pitches per week.

5.01.A.2 For all cumulative totals in this rule, one (1) out equals one-third (1/3) of an inning, two (2) outs equals two-thirds (2/3) of an inning and three (3) outs equals one (1) full inning. A pitcher that pitches in a game and records no outs is not charged with any innings pitched.

5.01.A.3 Any innings pitched or outs recorded during a game that is forfeited shall count towards the pitchers' allotted innings.

5.01.B When a team is charged with its second trip to the mound in the same inning to the same pitcher, the pitcher must be removed from the pitching position for the remainder of the game. The pitcher may be moved to another defensive position.

5.01.C The distance between the front side of the pitcher's mound and home base (rear point of home plate) shall be 46 feet.