

Belvidere Youth Baseball - 2023 Fall Baseball Rules

BYB Ground Rules adopted herein shall override any rules and regulations stated by the current National Federation of State High School Association publication in which all play shall be governed.

Game Start Times and Time Limits:

- Game times will be 5:30PM and 7:30PM throughout the fall (6:00PM if only one game is scheduled on that field)
- There will be a ten-minute grace period for a team to field the minimum # of players.
- No new inning may begin after an hour forty minutes (100-minutes)
- Any inning in progress at game ending time shall be completed. If the home team is at bat and in the lead when the 100 minute time limit expires, the umpire will call the game.
- Game will drop dead at an hour fifty five minutes (115 minutes).
- If drop dead time is reached (115 Minutes), the game is over and the score will revert to the last completed inning.
- The designated chief umpire will make decisions as the official timekeeper.
- Games may end in a tie

- (10U ONLY) No team shall score more than seven runs per inning. After seven runs have been scored teams change sides and the other team comes up to bat. (This rule does not apply in the sixth inning or last inning as determined by chief umpire).
- (10U ONLY) No Dropped 3rd, No Infield fly.
- (10U ONLY) No stealing home. EXCEPTION: If a play, or attempted play, is made at any base, the runner may steal home.

SLAUGHTER RULE: The game will be ended when any of the following apply:

1. 15 after 3 innings
2. 12 after 4 innings
3. 10 after 5 innings

Game Play / Substitutions:

- Continuous Batting Order will be used.
- Free defensive substitution will be used.
- Mandatory courtesy runner for catcher with 2 outs. Less than 2 outs it is optional.
Courtesy runner must be last batted out

Pitching:

12U/14U - Pitchers may pitch a maximum of 5 innings per game and 10 innings per week.

10U - Pitchers may pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game and 5 innings per week.

- Any unethical conduct by a coach or manager shall result in immediate ejection and will be reviewed by the BYB Executive Board to determine further consequences.

8U Modified Rules

Pitching Rules

- Coaches will pitch innings 1,2, 5, 6
- Players will pitch innings 3,4

Walks will not be granted in player or coach pitch, but a ball-strike count will be maintained in player pitch.

Pitchers will throw four pitches to each batter, in which the batter will put the ball in play, strike-out, or take four balls.

If that batter is not yet on-base or out by the fourth player pitch, the coach will come in to pitch a maximum of two pitches if the batter has less than two strikes, or one pitch if the batter has two strikes.

A foul ball on the last pitch is not an out, and extends the at-bat per normal baseball rules

Players may pitch a maximum of one innings per game, and three innings per week

If batters are struck by a pitch thrown from a player, the batter will be granted first base. If batters are struck by a pitch thrown from a coach, no base will be granted.

Batting/Base running:

- A. A batter may not square around to draw in the infield and then swing away. PENALTY-batter is out.
- B. Leadoffs are not allowed. PENALTY-base runner is out.
- C. Base stealing is not allowed. PENALTY-base runner is out.
- D. No team shall score more than five runs per inning. After five runs have been scored teams change sides and the other team comes up to bat. (This rule does not apply in the sixth inning or last inning as determined by chief umpire).
- E. Runners may advance ONE base only on an overthrow to the base. No base advancement can occur from passed balls by the catcher or overthrows to the pitcher.
- F. Dropped 3rd strike rule will NOT apply.
- G. Infield Fly rule will not be in effect.