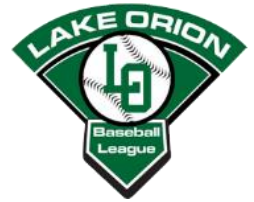




## LOYBL/ORBA Combined Rule Changes



### 12U (Babe Ruth/Intermediate)

**Balk**- Balks will not be called.

**Game Timing**- No new inning starts after the official game time hits 1 hour 50 minutes. There will be no Drop-dead time. Unless the home team is batting and already has the lead, in which case the game will end. The next inning begins after the last recorded out of the previous inning.

7 innings max per game or time limit, whichever comes first.

**Pitching Rules**- Will adhere to LOYBL Pitch counts.

- 75 Pitches in one calendar day.
- Mandatory rest will be enforced based on the following table of pitches thrown in a day.
  - 0-20 Pitches – may pitch the next day.
  - 21-35 pitches – may pitch after one full calendar day.
  - 36-50 pitches – may pitch after two full calendar days.
  - 51-max – may pitch after three full calendar days.

**Run Limit**- 6 runs per inning and whatever runs may come in with the 6<sup>th</sup> run on the same play.

**Mercy Rule**- A team reaching a lead of 10 runs at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, or any point thereafter will be declared the winner by mercy.

#### ORBA ONLY ALLOWS WOOD, USABASEBALL OR BBCOR CERTIFIED BATS

**Legal Bat Size** (wooden bats may be used in all divisions).

A. Diameter 2 5/8" or less

B. Length - 36" or less

C. Weight -13

D. **Only bats meeting the USABaseball or BBCOR certification standards are allowed.** The exception of the following BBCOR bats Axe Avenge and Marucci CAT5 33inch model these bats ARE NOT ALLOWED. The brand, length, weight, and measurement must be visible for the bat to be used. All USABaseball bats must bear the new licensing mark and all BBCOR bats must have the BBCOR certification mark, no stickers will be accepted. \*Any batter who bats with an illegal bat will be called out. It is possible to forfeit a game under this rule. **USSSA bats are NOT allowed to be used in any division General Rules**

No metal cleats. Only plastic cleats may be worn. If a player on the field is found to be wearing metal cleats at any time, play will stop and will not continue until they have been replaced with plastic cleats or some other shoes. If the player has no other shoes to wear, he will not be allowed to continue playing in the game. It is possible to forfeit a game under this rule.

If a player is removed from the game via Injury can only be allowed back in at the Umpire's discretion. If player has trauma to the head or neck area Umpire has final say on removal.

- Any batter who deliberately throws a bat is out. **Warning will be given.**
- There is no dropped third strike.

- **Infield fly rule will NOT be in effect.**
- **Slide Rule:** Players are not required to slide, but if they do, it must be legal. A legal slide requires it to be feet-first or head-first, within reach of the base, and not above the fielder's knee or intentionally violating a force-play.
- **The pitcher cannot go to the pitching area/rubber without possession of the ball.**
- **Stealing:** Base runners may take a lead of up to **6 feet** and may attempt to steal once the pitched ball leaves the pitcher's hand.