



LOYBL/ORBA Combined Rule Changes

12U (Babe Ruth/Intermediate)



Balk- Balks will be called moving forward according to High School Rules. Umpires will have discretion to do a team warning on first violation and teach the pitcher what is being done in violation of the rule, however this warning is not required if the umpire, or game situation does not allow it.

Game Timing- No new inning may start after the official game time hits 1 hour 50 minutes. There will be no Drop-dead time.

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

Pitching Rules- Will adhere to LOYBL Pitch counts. The week is Sunday-Saturday.

- 75 Pitches in one calendar day.
- 150 Pitches in one week.
- 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- 8 runs per inning and whatever runs may come in with the 8th run on the same play.

Mercy Rule- A team reaching a lead of 14 runs at the end of the 5th inning, or any point thereafter will be declared the winner by mercy. The same applies for a team achieving a lead of 10 runs after the 6th inning.

- **Infield fly rule will be in effect.**
- **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. No Weight Restrictions

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**

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

- **Slide Rule:** Base runner will be called out if a deliberate attempt to bowl over defensive player is made. The intent is to avoid injury. Must be a legal slide. The runner will be called out if the slide is ruled illegal and further acts may result in warning for the game. The runner will not be held responsible for sliding if the defensive player moves up the base path and makes contact with the runner.
- **The pitcher cannot go to the rubber without possession of the ball.**