

TENNESSEE YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
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T. Y. B. A. 3 & 4 YEAR OLD LEAGUE RULES

NOTE: SITUATIONS NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED, REFER TO T.Y.B.A. COACH-PITCH RULES.

RULE CHANGES:

- **As of January 26, 2011 ***
- **There will be (1) paid umpire that is sanctioned by T.Y.B.A. & will be paid \$ 25.00 PER GAME**
(Voted by League Presidents)

*** * MANDATORY TO PITCH 4 PITCHES ****

Coach-Pitcher must pitch 4 pitches in succession to batter. After the fourth pitch, it is at the Coach-Pitcher's discretion to use the batting tee. This can be done for the 5th & the 6th pitch or not use at all.

On the LAST PITCH (6th) (not including foul ball) Bat must come into contact with the ball and not the batting tee itself to be legal. Striking tee with bat will result in an OUT only on the LAST PITCH.

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**1) THE FIELD**

**A) THE FIELD WILL BE THE SAME AS A STANDARD COACH - PITCH FIELD WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTION:**

**B.) THERE WILL BE A 10 FT. ARC DRAWN IN FRONT OF PLATE, WITH THE CENTER OF THE CIRCLE BEING THE BACK OF THE PLATE.**

**C.) IN ORDER FOR A BATTED BALL TO BE CALLED FAIR, IT MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A FAIR BALL AND TRAVEL PAST HE ARC LINE. THE BALL THAT FAILS TO TRAVEL PAST THE ARC WILL BE CALLED A FOUL BALL.**

**2) BIRTH DATE : CANNOT BE FIVE (5) YEARS OLD BEFORE JANUARY 1.**

**3) TIME LIMIT : 1 HOUR**

4) **THE GAME** : A GAME WILL CONSIST OF SIX INNINGS OR ( 1 ) HOUR WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.

**CONTINUOUS BATTING RULES: \* NOTE\***

- A) A CONTINUOUS BATTING ORDER WILL BE USED. ALL PLAYERS MUST BE LISTED ON BATTING ORDER CARD IN ORDER TO PLAY.
- B) IF A PLAYER **IS NOT** ON THE OFFICIAL LINE UP CARD WHEN THE UMPIRE SAYS “ PLAY BALL” OR AFTER GAME HAS STARTED, THEY **CANNOT BE ADDED** AND THEY **CANNOT ENTER** THE GAME TO PLAY AT ANY TIME.
- C) IF A PLAYER'S NAME IS PUT ON THE LINE-UP CARD AND **IS NOT PRESENT** TO BAT, THEN AT THAT POINT THE PLAYER WILL BE **CALLED OUT**. IT WILL BE AN AUTOMATIC OUT **EACH TIME** THAT PLAYER'S NAME COMES TO BAT. THAT PLAYER IS OUT, AND MOVE ON TO THE NEXT BATTER ON THE LINE-UP.
- D) NO “SKIPPING” OR “ SUBSTITUTING “: ALL PLAYERS ON THE CONTINUOUS BATTING ORDER MUST COME TO BAT AT HIS OR HER TURN.

5) AN INNING WILL END WHEN ALL THE SCHEDULED BATTERS HAS COMPLETED THEIR TURN AT BAT.

A.) THE LINE-UP WILL LIST ALL PLAYERS PRESENT

B.) \* Example: If your team has 14 players: You would bat 7 players in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning and 7 players in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning.  
The opposing team had only 10 players they would bat 7 players in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning and 7 players in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning. But all players must come to bat in their proper batting order.

C.) ONCE A PLAYER IS CALLED OR PUT OUT AT A BASE, THEN THAT PLAYER MUST RETURN TO THE DUG-OUT, AND CANNOT REMAIN ON BASE.

**D.) DEFENSE**

A MINIMUM OF TEN (10) PLAYERS WILL PLAY ON DEFENSE. HOWEVER, A TEAM WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF PLAYING ALL OF HIS PLAYERS ON DEFENSE. A MAXIMUM OF FIVE (5) PLAYERS ON THE INFIELD:

E.) YOUR TEAM IS REQUIRED TO HAVE **ON THE IN-FIELD** ( 1 ) ( 1 ) FIRST BASEMAN, ( 1 ) SECOND BASEMAN, ( 1 ) THIRD BASEMAN, ( 1 ) SHORT STOP, ( 1 ) PITCHER - AT THE CIRCLE POSITION, ( 1 ) CATCHER - WHICH IS OPTIONAL, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO USE A CATCHER BEHIND THE PLATE, THAT PLAYER CAN BE USED IN THE OUTFIELD AS AN OUTFIELDER.

F.) OUTFIELDERS MUST RETAIN A MINIMUM AT LEAST 3 FEET BEHIND THEIR RESPECTED BASES OR POSITIONS PERTAINING TO BASERUNNERS TERRITORY.

**6) COACHES : THE OFFENSE WILL HAVE THE COACH-PITCHER, FIRST BASE COACH, THIRD BASE COACH, AND A COACH AT SECOND BASE. THE SECOND BASE COACH MUST STAY ON THE OUTFIELD SIDE OF THE BASE PATH AND CAN ONLY ASSIST HIS PLAYERS VERBALLY. THE OTHER OFFENSIVE COACHES WILL BE SUBJECT TO NORMAL COACH-PITCH RULES.**

**A. THESE COACHES CANNOT OBSTRUCT OR IMPEDE BASERUNNERS OR INSTRUCT THE OPPOSING TEAM'S PLAYERS AT ANYTIME. AND ARE SUBJECT TO BEING HIT BY BATTED OR THROWN BALL THAT WILL RESULT IN DEAD BALL AND PENALTY WILL BE AWARDED.**

**B. THE DEFENSIVE TEAM MAY HAVE 3 COACHES IN THE OUTFIELD TO ASSIST HIS TEAM VERBALLY.**

**C. THE SAME RULES FOR OFFENSE COACHES WILL APPLY TO THE DEFENSIVE COACHES. BATTED OR THROWN BALL ( I.E. )**

**D. HELMETS MUST BE WORN BY ALL BASERUNNERS, ON DECK AND BATTER AND BAT BOY OR BAT GIRL.**

**E. 60 FT. BASE PATHS WILL BE USED.**

**F. SCORE: WILL BE KEPT TO DETERMINE THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THE GAME.**

**T.Y.B.A. WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE THESE GAMES ARE ONLY FOR INSTRUCTION. WE WOULD LIKE FOR THIS TO BE AN ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE FOR THE PLAYERS. AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN THE BASICS OF BASEBALL, AND GET AN APPRECIATION FOR THE GAME.**

**ALSO TO SAY THANKS TO ALL THE COACHES INVOLVED IN THE AGE GROUP THAT ARE HELPING TO MAKE “ THE STARS OF THE FUTURE.”**