

TENNESSEE YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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T.Y.B.A. 9 & 10 YEAR OLD BASEBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

NOTE: These rules take precedent over any other rules. Situations not specifically covered, refer to T.Y.B.A. Coach-Pitch rules.

Anything not covered there, refer to general baseball rules. Changes made by leagues are optional.

******NOTE******

In order to be eligible to play in a T.Y.B.A. sanctioned league tournament, the team must play in a T.Y.B.A. sanctioned league, and roster be turned in by May 15.

- **RULE CHANGE * as of January 26,2011 -- voted by League Presidents**

NO LEAD OFF -- IN LEAGUE OR TOURNAMENT PLAY

The Field

- Base Paths : 65 ft.
- There will be a running lane beginning 30 foot from home plate and extending past first base that will be 3 foot to the right of first base line.
- Pitching Rubber : 46 ft.
- Height of mound : 6 inches above level of home plate

Birth Date

- Cannot be 11 years old before January 1

Time Limit

- Tournament Play - 1 hour 30 minutes

The Game

- A game will consist of 6 innings or time expires
- A legal line-up will consist of nine (9) players
- A team must begin the game with nine(9) players. However, in case of injury or illness a team will be allowed to finish the game with eight (8) players. When the sick or injured player becomes the batter, an out will be accessed and the next batter in the batting order becomes the legal batter.
- An inning will consist of three (3) outs or a seven (7) run limit. On the play that the seventh run scores, all runs that score will be counted. Maximum runs in one inning could be 10 runs.
- Once an inning is started, that inning will be completed.
- The next inning will start when the third out of the previous inning is made.
- In case of inclement weather or situations beyond control of tournament officials and the brackets are changed, any game that has completed 3 or more innings, will be deemed a complete game. The score at the last complete inning will be used to determine the winner.
- **Open division tournament:** Leading off and stealing will be allowed.
- **Sanctioned League Tournament:** Runners leading off will not be allowed.
- The runner must remain in contact with the base until the ball reaches the plate. Runners leaving early will result in a penalty (Runner is out). Stealing only allowed after the ball reaches the plate.
- Infield fly rule in effect. An infield fly is a fair fly ball (not including a line drive or an attempted bunt) which can be caught by infielder with ordinary effort when first and second bases or first, second, and third bases are occupied before two are out. Any defensive player who takes a position in the infield at the start of the pitch shall be

considered an infielder for the purpose of this rule. When it seems apparent that a batted ball will be an infield fly, the umpire shall immediately declare "INFIELD FLY." If the ball is close to foul territory, the umpire will declare "INFIELD FLY IF FAIR." The ball is alive and the runners may advance at the risk of the ball being caught, or retouch and advance after the ball is touched, the same as any fly ball. If the ball becomes a foul ball, it is treated the same as any foul ball.

- Bunting is allowed.
- Dropped third strike rule.
 - The batter becomes a runner on the third strike if the catcher fails to catch the third strike before the ball touches the ground if:
 - there are fewer than two outs and first base is unoccupied , or
 - there are two outs and first base is occupied or unoccupied.
- Extra Hitter: Optional
 - When the EH (Extra Hitter) is used, the line-up will consist of ten (10) players. Only nine (9) players will play on defense. The EH may enter the game on defense at any time without notifying the umpire or scorekeeper. Exception: If any player replaces the pitcher on defense, the umpire and scorekeeper must be notified.
 - If one team chooses to use the EH, the opposing team will not be required to use EH, they may or may not at the coaches' discretion.
- Any changes in the line-up after the line-up is turned into the line-up tent(tournament play) or the umpire (league play) will be a substitute.
- A defensive team will be allowed one (1) charged conference per inning.
 - The second charged conference will result in the pitcher being replaced for the remainder of the game.
 - However, the pitcher may remain in the line-up and assume another defensive position.
- Catchers must wear helmet with mask and throat protector (permanently attached), chest protector, shin guards, and protective cup.
- On deck batter must be on side behind batter (unless umpire designates otherwise).
- Any coach ejected from the game must leave the vicinity of the field for the remainder of the game. In addition, he will not be allowed to coach the teams next scheduled game, but he may sit in the stands as a spectator. If a coach is ejected after completion of a game, he will not be allowed to coach in the next two (2) games.
- Any coach ejected from the game must leave the field and be escorted to a designated area for the remainder of the game. If proper behavior is displayed, the coach will be allowed to return to their team.
- INTERNATIONAL TIE BREAKER RULE : If the game is tied after six(6) innings, or time has expired, Starting with the top of the seventh inning or top of the inning after time expires and each inning thereafter , the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player in the line-up prior to the lead -off batter in that half inning being placed on second base. The base runner can be substituted for in accordance with the substitution rules.
- NOTE: If an incorrect runner in the line-up is placed on second base, this error should be corrected immediately. There is no penalty.

Pitching Regulations

- A pitcher is eligible to pitch a total of six(6) innings in two(2) consecutive games. Pitcher may pitch any combination of innings, as long as he or she does not exceed six(6) innings in consecutive games. Also, a pitcher may only pitch thirteen(13) innings in a three day tournament.
- Any infraction of the innings pitched rule will result in forfeiture of that game.
 - The starting pitcher is the only pitcher that can return to the mound. In order to return to the mound, the pitcher must remain in batting order. If the team is not using an EH, then the pitcher must remain in the game in another defensive position.
 - If the starting pitcher returns to the mound in the same inning, they will be charged with an extra inning. **Penalty:** Pitcher will be charged with pitching two(2) innings for that one inning.
- In case of extra innings, if a pitcher has pitched the previous six innings, he will be eligible to pitch the seventh inning
- One (1) legal pitch will constitute an inning pitched.
- The balk rule will be in effect.
- One (1) courtesy runner per inning will be allowed for either the pitcher or catcher. The courtesy runner must be the last player put out by the defensive team.
- Intentional Walk
 - A team may elect to intentionally walk a batter with out having to pitch to the batter. Coach or Pitcher must notify the home plate umpire of their intentions.

