

AYBA Recreation League Baseball Rules

	6u Rec	7u Rec	8u Rec	9-10U	11-12U	13-15U	16-19u
Base Distance	60'	60'	60'	60'	70'	80'	90'
Mound Distance	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	46'	50'	54'	60'
Pitching	*Pitching overhand with one foot on or straddling the line anywhere outside the foul arch and the 42' pitching circle.						
	5*	5*	5	Refer to pitching guidelines.			
	*Player is allowed up to 5 pitches regardless of number of strikes. See league specific rules additional information.						
Time Limit	1:15	1:15	1:15	1:45	1:45	1:45	1:45
Innings	6	6	6	6	6	7	7
Max Runs per Inning	5	5	5	6	8	N/A	N/A
Extra Innings	Last batter from the previous inning on second base and one out. (Regular season games can end in a tie)						
Mercy Rule	Mathematical elimination applies.					15/10/8 starting in the 3rd inning.	
Dropped 3rd Strike	N/A	No	No	No	Yes*	Yes	Yes
Infield Fly	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Advance on Passed Ball	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Leading Off	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stealing	No	No	No	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes
	*Runners may not leave base until ball has reached home plate. Dead ball out.						
Balks (Dead Ball)	No	No	No	No	Yes*	Yes	Yes
	*Fake to 3rd is a balk. Includes fake to 3rd, throw to 1st. No balk if pitcher disengages rubber first. Judgment call.						
Absent/Injured Hitter	No penalty for absent/injured player.						
Walk	N/A	N/A	N/A	Live Ball	Live Ball	Live Ball	Live Ball
Intentional Walk	N/A	N/A	N/A	Verbal at any time during at bat. Pitches not required.			
Time Called During Play	See league specific rules			Standard baseball rules apply.			
Pitcher Face Mask	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Foul Ball to Catcher	Must have a clear arc to result in an out (foul-tip is not an out)						
Fake Bunt (Slashing)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
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Bats	See bat specific rules for specifications and banned models.						
Slung Bat	One warning per player. Player is out on second offense. No team warnings.			One warning per team. Player is out on second offense. No ejection of the coach.			
Head First Slide	No head first slides allowed (except if returning to base on pick move). Player is called out. No warnings.					Legal except at home plate.	
Defensive Coaches	1 on each foul pole & 1 in immediate proximity of dugout. No buckets.			1 coach within immediate proximity of dugout. No buckets allowed.			
Offensive Coaches	See league specific rules			First and third base coaches only.			
Mound/Defensive Visits	N/A			One conference per pitcher per inning.		NFHS (3 charged conferences per game)	
Courtesy Runner	N/A	N/A	N/A	Catcher Only with 2 outs. LBO.		Courtesy runner for Pitcher and Catcher. Last batted out.	
Players to Start/Finish	8 players required to start game and may finish with 8.			7 players required to start game and may finish with 7.			
	Missing players must be removed from outfield only. (6u may remove catcher for 2nd missing player)					Must have pitcher and catcher.	
Official Start Time	Head coach must attend the plate meeting at the beginning of the game. Official start time will be declared at the end of plate meeting.						
Batting Order	All players will bat in continuous order throughout game. If a player leaves early, it is not an out. Just skip their place in the lineup.						
Rain Delay	Once a game is delayed due to weather, there is a 30 minute window to resume play. Either an official game or reschedule after 30 mins.						
Rain Out/Official Game	4 innings (3.5 if home team leading)						
	Regular season games may end in a tie. End of season playoffs must have a winner.						
Umpire Ejections	Ejected non-players must leave the park (parking lot is acceptable). Ejected players may remain in the dugout.						
Fighting	Fighting will result in an immediate ejection						
Base Set of Rules	National Federation of State High School (NFHS) - www.nfhs.org						