

# WESTMONT YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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## MAJORS (11/12U) INTERMEDIATE SPRING

### BASEBALL RULES

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With the exception of these special provisions listed below, the **OFFICIAL REGULATIONS AND PLAYING RULES OF THE MAJORS INTERMEDIATE DIVISION OF LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL** are the standard.

#### 1. **PITCHING**

No Pitcher may wear ANY long sleeve shirt that is white or light grey in color that is exposed to the batter. Pitching mound distance will be 50 feet.

It is the responsibility of each manager to send the pitch counts to the Major League Coordinator within **18 hours** after each game. **Each manager is responsible for tracking pitch count and confirming after each Half inning with opposing team. This keeps everything fair and pitches don't get "Missed"**

***Mound Visit Rule*** - A coach is allowed 1 visit to the mound per pitcher per inning. Upon a 2<sup>nd</sup> visit in an inning, the pitcher must be removed. A mound visit is defined as crossing the foul line on the way to the mound, regardless of player (pitcher or fielder) to be approached.

***Remember pitch count limits and required days rest are put into place to protect the still developing arms of the kids at this level.***

The rules for pitching are as follows:

- Any pitcher who throws at least 1 pitch in a game, and is removed from the mound, for any reason, can play any other position in that game except pitcher.
- The manager must remove a pitcher when he reaches his maximum number of pitches. If a pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count milestone during an at-bat, he may finish that at-bat without additional days' rest unless next milestone is reached.
  - o Example: Pitcher starts a new batter after throwing 33 pitches. He throws 6 pitches to the batter making 39 pitches total. He is required to rest only 1 day. However, if he throws 17 pitches to that batter, he reached the next marker of 50. Now he requires 2 days' rest.
- Any player who catches 4 or more innings (3 full innings plus 1 pitch in a fourth inning, 1 pitch = 1 inning) is ineligible to pitch in that same game. Any pitcher who has thrown 41 pitches or more is ineligible to catch in that same game.

## **Pitch Limits**

<b>League age 8:</b>	50 pitches per day
<b>League age 9 or 10:</b>	75 pitches per day
<b>League age 11 or 12:</b>	85 pitches per day

If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a game:	4 days of rest
If a player pitches 51 - 65 pitches in a game:	3 days of rest
If a player pitches 36 - 50 pitches in a game:	2 days of rest
If a player pitches 21- 35 pitches in a game:	1 day of rest
If a player pitches 1 - 20 pitches in a game:	no rest is required

For example, if a pitcher throws 66+ pitches in a game Monday, he is next eligible to pitch on Saturday

- A pitcher must be removed from the mound after hitting 3 batters in one inning or 5 batters in the game. The same player hit twice counts as 2 hit batsmen.

If pitching violation occurs?

1st offense forfeit loss. Manager is giving a warning

2nd offense forfeit loss. Manager is suspended one game

3rd offense forfeit loss. Manager is suspended and presented to the board for reinstatement.

## **Balks**

There will be 2 balk warning per pitcher. The umpire will explain to the pitcher what he did wrong. Subsequent balks will be enforced.

## **2. HITTING**

**Wood bats and USA bats are allowed. USSSA bats are NOT allowed.**

**If a batter steps into the batter's box with a USSSA bat he will be subject to an immediate "out". This must be identified by the Defensive team or the Umpire. Umpires may not know the rules and may not look for the illegal bat. Coaches and players should always be checking. The batter will be called out and all runners return to their previous base regardless of any offensive play from the USSSA at bat infraction.**

A continuous batting order will be in effect for all teams.

A batter that fakes a bunt attempt then takes a full swing will be called out. The ball is considered dead, and all runners must return to their original bases.

The drop third strike rule will be in effect.

Infield fly is in effect.

On deck batters are not allowed per local and Little League International rules.

## **3. FIELDING**

All players present at the scheduled start time of the game must play at least 12 defensive outs in a full 6 inning game. For a game that ends after 5 innings, all players present at the scheduled start time of the game must play 9 defensive outs. All players available for the game will bat in a continuous batting order. Players who show up late will be placed at the end of the batting line-up.

## **4. BASE RUNNING**

Leadoffs are allowed. Bases are 70 feet.

Headfirst slides ARE allowed.

A pinch runner may be used for a catcher or pitcher on base with two outs and must be the last batted out.

## **5. GAME TIME LIMITS, RUN LIMIT & Mercy RULE**

A new inning cannot start after 1:50 has elapsed from the game start as announced by the umpire. Current inning must be played to conclusion. If the completion of an inning is within the Time Limit, the next inning will start immediately-no warmups.

If a team is ahead by 15 runs after 4 innings or 10 runs after 5 innings the mercy rule shall come into effect and the game will be ended.

Games will be played to completion (6 innings) except for the Time Limit and Mercy rule.

**Regular season**---If an in-process game by weather, it is considered complete after 3.5 innings (if Home team is ahead). If the game is not complete, League reserves the right to either reschedule or cancel the game.

All scores should be recorded in Sports Engine by the Home Team **within 1 hour** of completion.

## 6. **MANAGERS & COACHES**

Two adult base coaches are permitted. One adult must be always present in the dugout. An adult is allowed to warm-up a pitcher in between innings or in the bullpen. A maximum of 3 coaches in the dugout area per team is allowed.

## 7. **UMPIRES**

- All coaches and parents of each player will provide only encouragement to the umpires.
- All umpire decisions are final. If there is spectator/parent misconduct, the parent will be asked to leave the park. Second warning will call for dismissal from the WYBA Baseball program.
- If a manager, coach, or player is ejected from a game, they are required to leave the park immediately, and may not sit in the stands.
- Any manager, coach, or player ejected from a game is suspended for their team's next game and may not be in attendance for the game.

## 8. **SUBSTITUTES**

If a team is unable to field nine players from their roster for a game, they may use a substitute player(s) from the opposing team to play right or left field only. The opposing team sub player may not bat. They may also request a substitute from another team in the league. The subs(s) must be 10- or 11-year-olds from the current Spring Ball program. The sub(s) must play either right field or left field and bat at the bottom of the batting line-up. If a ten or eleven-year-old cannot be found, you may get permission from the Majors coordinator to use a twelve year old. League coordinator **MUST** be contacted before the game begins to request any sub.

A team must have 7 players to play a game. Otherwise, it's a forfeit and they can play the game as a scrimmage.

If using players from a team other than the opposing team, those players may only play right or left field and bat last in the line-up. If, at any point, a ninth player shows up from the team that needed a sub, the sub may still bat in the line-up but can no longer field a position. If

there are only 8 players hitting because subs are on the opposing team, then the 9th batting slot is bypassed. There is no penalty. If there are only 7 hitters, then the 8th position is an automatic out. The 9th position is bypassed without penalty.

#### 9. **PRACTICES**

Teams may hold multiple practices until the season starts. Once the season begins, teams may hold only one practice per week at the manager's discretion.

#### 10. **TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES / VOLUNTEERS**

The home team is responsible for putting down the bases and providing an adult volunteer to run the concession stand before the game start time. If it is the last game of the day evening the home team is also responsible for putting away the bases, putting down the tarps, locking up the equipment shed & concession stand and turning off all lights.

The visitor team is responsible for providing an adult volunteer to run the score board and making sure the score board is turned off and the upstairs area is locked after the game if it is the last game of the day / evening. The visiting team should assist the home team with their responsibilities noted above when possible.

The home team should utilize the third base dugout during games.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Weather and/or field conditions may result in the postponement of a game. Both managers and the league coordinator must agree if a game is to be postponed. If unable to agree, the league coordinator will have final say.

Please keep in mind that the Westmont Park District (WPD) dictates use of their fields, and they have the authority to close fields at their discretion, and WYBA must abide by WPD. Both managers will be informed if the fields are closed in advance of a game, and a coordinated effort between the managers and the coordinator will be made to reschedule the game.

The WPD has a rain hotline that is updated until 3:30 pm during the week. Please download the Rainout Line app because it will tell you if the field is closed or opened. Also please have the parents download it because they will get a text message saying if the field is open or closed.

It is the responsibility of the managers to ensure the proper conduct of themselves, their coaches, their players, and their fan base. Failure to carry out this responsibility may result in suspension and disciplinary actions that could include removal from the program.

**MOST IMPORTANT RULE** Please use common sense in any disputes and remember that we are out there to **TEACH OUR CHILDREN ABOUT FAIR PLAY, SPORTSMANSHIP, and TO HAVE FUN!**