

**2019 RYS Prep League Rules**

**Field Size:** 60 ft bases, 46 ft pitching rubber

**Game Length:** 1 Hour and 45 minutes or 7 innings.  
A game is considered complete after four (4) innings unless the home team is ahead after 3 ½ innings

**Slaughter Rule:** Maximum of 5 runs per inning, except for the last inning. The umpire will declare the last inning before it starts.  
After 4 innings, if one team is leading by 10 or more runs, the game is over (3 ½ if the home team is leading).

**Pre-Game:** Each team is allowed 5 minutes of infield practice before the game. Please stay out of batter’s box.  
Umpires shall read the “Checklist of Rules” on the score sheet and have each head coach sign it.

**Pitching:** Pitchers are allowed 9 total outs in any combination the coach chooses.  
However, the pitcher can only re-enter the game (as a pitcher) one time.  
No balks are called.  
4 warm-up pitches for new pitchers; 2 warm-up pitches for returning pitchers

**Bats:** See the Bat Rules document.

**Base Running:** A team that is ahead by 10 or more runs cannot steal any longer, unless the difference in score drops below 10 runs.

Stealing is allowed after the ball crosses home plate.  
Runners may only steal 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base. No stealing of home is allowed.  
A runner from third may only come home on a hit or forced by a walk.

After pitching four non-strike pitches to the batter, the batter-runner must stop at first base unless a play is made on the batter-runner.

Sliding at home is only required when there is a potential play at the plate.

No leading off.  
No dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike.  
No Infield Fly Rule.

**Injury:** If a player is unable to bat due to injury, no penalty will be incurred when they player is up to bat, unless that drops the lineup to 8 batters. Then that lineup spot will be considered an out.

**Pitch Counts:** RYS does not enforce pitch count limits.  
However, it is strongly encouraged that you monitor the pitch counts of your pitchers.  
Below is the general guideline for pitches per day and how much rest is required.

Age	Daily Max Pitches	Recommended Rest Period				
		0 days	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days
10	75 pitches	1-20 pitches	21-35 pitches	36-50 pitches	51-65 pitches	66+ pitches