

LFYAA 9/10 League Rules

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1. Except where superseded herein, Pony League Mustang (9-10) rules will apply to all regular season games.
2. League players must be nine (9) years of age, but not older than ten (10) years of age by September 1st of the current season.
3. All regular season games shall be no longer than six (6) innings. Games tied after the completion of six (6) innings will end in a tie. Exception: Post-season games will play until a winner is determined.
4. A game will be considered complete after the trailing team bats in the fourth (4th) inning if they are behind by ten (10) or more runs.
5. No new inning shall begin later than two (2) hours after a game's actual start time. Regular season games shall end at 2 hours, 30 minutes after the start time.
6. All intramural tournament games shall be completed unless the ten (10) run rule is in play.
7. Standings will not be kept during the regular season. The league winner will be determined by the post-season tournament.
8. Only managers may respectfully dispute calls made by the umpire.
9. Managers are responsible for controlling coaches and their team's parents. Failure to do so may result in the game being forfeited.
10. All catchers must wear appropriate protective equipment.
11. The home team will be listed last on the schedule. The home team is responsible for game balls and bases. The visiting team will be responsible for trash disposal.

GAME PLAY

1. Teams will bat through their entire roster without alteration.
2. Teams will field nine (9) players.
3. A team must field at least eight (8) players to start a regular season game with nine (9) batting positions. The ninth batting position will be an out the first time up. Late arriving player(s) will fill the ninth and subsequent roster position(s). If the ninth or higher player leaves due to illness, injury, or other circumstance and the team has no substitute, that batting position will be an out the first time around the batting order.
4. Failure to field at least eight (8) players during post-season game will result in a forfeit. The ninth (9th) batting position will be an out every time around. If playing with eight (8); And a player must leave due to injury, illness or other circumstance the game is automatically forfeited.
5. All players must play at least three (3) innings defensively. No player shall sit out two (2) consecutive innings.
6. An inning shall end when either five (5) runs are scored or three (3) outs are made. Exception: The sixth (6th) inning will not end until three (3) outs are made.
7. There will be no balks, infield fly, or dropped third strike rules.
8. Managers may make unlimited player substitutions. Exception: A pitcher, once removed from the game, may not re-enter the game as a pitcher.
9. Base runners must avoid contact on a play at any base. Failure to do so will result in the runner being called out.
10. Runners may steal bases, including home. Runners shall not leave the base they are occupying at the time of the pitch until the pitched ball has reached or passed the catcher.
11. A runner may only steal home on a passed ball from the pitcher to the catcher; an unclean exchange from catcher to pitcher; or if a play is being made at a base.
12. Runners who leave a base before the pitched ball reaches or passes the catcher shall be called out and the pitch shall be declared a dead ball.

PITCHING

1. A player may pitch no more than three (3) innings per game. A player may pitch six (6) innings in a day only if the team is playing in a double-header.
2. A player may pitch no more than eight (8) innings per week.
3. A player must rest for at least forty (40) hours if he has pitched more than two (2) innings in a game. Exception: Players who pitch on Thursday night will be allowed to pitch a Saturday, 9:00 a.m. game.
4. One (1) pitch constitutes a complete inning. Two (2) extra innings per week will be allowed for Sunday league players.
5. A pitching week begins on Monday and ends on Sunday. However, the forty (40) hour rule always applies.
6. The forty (40) hours required for rest are calculated from start time to start time of the games.
7. If a pitcher hits two (2) batters in a game, he is subject to removal from the game at the discretion of the umpire. The player may remain in the game in another position.

Miscellaneous

Visiting Team rakes the field after every game.

Home Team puts away the bases after every game unless there is a late game.

Both the Visiting and Home Teams are collaboratively responsible for taking the trash to the dumpster at the end of the games.

Please make sure that the dugout and spectator areas are free of trash.

No infield practice or play on the infield prior to any game. Practice in the outfield is permitted.