

Tyngsborough Youth Baseball
2019 Minor League Rules

1. For the most part normal baseball rules. Three strikes your out, three outs the inning is over. Games will be 6 innings.
2. All players will be in the batting lineup and all will bat.
3. Ten players in the field max which includes a fourth outfielder. No extra-ordinary shifting. Normal fielding positions. 10th player cannot play infield. Example of extra-ordinary shifting a pull hitter is up and you shift to have a third fielder on a side of second base leaving one on the other side.
4. No walks. The coach will step in and pitch using the existing count. You must pitch ***the same speed as the existing pitcher***. We want to encourage and build confidence for pitchers struggling to complete their intended inning of pitching rather than pulling them from the game.
5. A hit batter may choose to complete the at-bat or take the base
6. Four run cap per inning.
7. Pitchers can only throw two innings per game. They do not have to be consecutive.
8. No more than two coaching visits to the mound.
9. Pitchers must prove in practice they can pitch strikes before pitching in a game. Coaches must use good judgment on inserting and removing pitchers.
10. All players must see at least one inning in the infield in the first four innings of the game and two innings in the infield in a six inning game. No player may be on the bench for more than two innings per game and those innings may not be consecutive. It is encouraged to try players out at different positions so that they may play them all if they wish.
11. Only three steals per inning. CAN steal on coach pitch. Only one steal of home per inning. No steal of home in the final inning as we do not want to decide games that way. Steals can only occur after the ball crosses the plate. Each team will be allowed 1 delayed steal per game (not in the final inning). We encourage coaches to use signs during the game.
12. No advancement on overthrows. This applies to a catcher trying to throw down to get a base stealer or an overthrow during live ***infield*** play. We want to encourage throw downs without fear of consequences
13. No infield fly rule
14. Innings should not begin after 7:30. Both coaches should identify it is the last inning prior to it starting. (Rule difference in the last inning)
15. All teams make the playoffs regular season standings will only influence playoff seeding. Playoffs are single elimination.
16. Head coaches will have ultimate authority over game decisions and planning.
17. A team may have up to four total coaches (1 head coach and 3 assistants) coaches are required to comply with volunteer registration requirements as set forth by TYBA.
18. Absolutely no coaching misconduct will be tolerated. We have a zero tolerance rule. The goal of recreational baseball is to develop skills, build confidence, and HAVE FUN. All coaches should coach using positive reinforcement. Coaches are bound by the league code of conduct