

Tyngsboro Youth Baseball
(Major B League updated 04/2017)

Preamble

These proposed Rules are created with a slant toward preparing the players for summer travel ball, but with rec constraints.

Rules

1. Three strikes you're out. Three outs inning is over. Games will be six innings. Games will start at 5:45 and no new inning shall start after 7:15. The goal, however, is to get in as many innings as you can. Don't play clock games trying to pick up wins. Rec is about having fun and maximizing player development—not winning.
2. All players will be in batting line up. All players will bat in a game.
3. Nine players in the field maximum. No extra-ordinary shifting. Normal field positions.
4. There are walks.
5. Six run cap per inning. However, unlimited runs both teams in the last inning.
NOTE: If the game will not reach six innings both coaches should agree on the last inning to put a no run cap into place for that last inning.
6. Pitchers can only pitch a maximum of two innings per game. They do not have to be consecutive. No weekly maximum inning cap however if you have more than one game in the same week. If your pitcher's pitch count is high be mindful of that to not overwork their young arm.
7. No more than 2 coach visits to the mound in any giving inning. On second visit in same inning pitcher must be pulled. If a pitcher hits two batters in the same inning pitcher must be pulled.
8. All players must see a minimum of 1 inning in an infield position per four innings per game and 2 innings in infield position per six innings per game. No player may be on the bench more than 2 innings in a given game and those innings cannot be consecutive. It is encouraged that if a player wants to try out a position which a coach might not normally place the player in, that said player should be given at least one opportunity during the season to try out said position--assuming safety concerns does not override such a decision.
9. Unlimited steals all bases every inning, including steals to home. Steals can only occur when the ball crosses the plate. Delayed steals are allowed if the pitcher has not returned to the mound. We encourage teams to develop the use of signs with their players.

10. You can only advance one base on an overthrow. This includes live play overthrows in the field and overthrows by a catcher trying to catch a stealing base runner. We want to encourage catchers to throw down to bases without fear of multiple base overthrow consequences.

11. Bunts are allowed.

12. No dropped third strike.

13. No infield fly rule.

14. Code of conduct for coaches, parents and players on the website are incorporated into these rules and will be strictly enforced by the league director. Some emphasis points in that regard:

- Coaches and parents should only be positive and constructive with players.
- Coaches and parents should not argue umpire calls.
- Coaches and parents should be respectful and courteous of each other.
- Players shall be respectful of each other and shall also not argue umpire calls.
- Fun, upbeat, skill development and positive environment are the goals in rec baseball and not winning.

15. Home team will be responsible for two game balls each game and paying the umpires. Head coaches will be given game balls and umpire money at the beginning of the season.

16. Any disputes should follow the same protocol:

- Player complaints should first be directed to the coach so that the coach and player can attempt to resolve the issue themselves.
- If the coach and player cannot resolve the issue, then the parent and the coach need to speak together.
- If the coach and the parent cannot resolve the issue, then the coach, parent and league director will all meet to speak about the issue.
- All of said conflict resolution meetings should occur in confidence without involvement of other players, parents or coaches.

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