

| RULES: American League (8u-9u) - Grades 2 & 3                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Field Dimensions                                                                                  | Base distance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 60'                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Pitching distance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 40'                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Mound                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | no                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| General Rules                                                                                     | Innings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 6                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Game duration - hard stop                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 hour 45 minutes                                                                                                      | When the drop dead point is reached, the at bat in progress may be finished, and the game will conclude following this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                                                   | Players needed to start                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 8                                                                                                                      | There will be a 15 minute grace period if a team does not have eight (8) players.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                                   | All players must play 6 outs by the end of inning #:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 4                                                                                                                      | Failure to comply with this rule or encouraging players to be absent or late shall result in disciplinary action.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                                   | Bat all players?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | required                                                                                                               | Late arriving players will be added at the end of the lineup card.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                                                   | Max batters per inning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Eight (8). 8th batter = 2 outs<br>8th batter cannot be walked.                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Max runs per inning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | n/a                                                                                                                    | Play stops after 5 runs are scored.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                   | Defensive conferences                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 per inning per pitcher                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Substitutions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Unlimited                                                                                                              | Unlimited defensive substitutions shall be allowed providing the playing time rule has been complied with.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                   | Mercy rule                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | n/a                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Forfeits allowed                                                                                  | Yes - spring<br>No - fall                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                        | o Spring - A team must have at least eight (8) players when on defense or the game will be declared a forfeit.<br>o Fall - Forfeits are not allowed. Coaches are encouraged to work with umpires to determine a way to play.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                   | Official game                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Four (4) innings by trailing team OR<br>1h 30m time reached                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Equipment                                                                                         | Helmet cage/jaw guard required?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | no                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Maximum barrell size                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 2-3/4"                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Bat requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | USA Baseball or USSSA stamped                                                                                          | Violation of this rule is a bat replacement for the batter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                                                   | Wooden bats allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | no                                                                                                                     | Violation of this rule is a bat replacement for the batter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                                                   | Metal cleats allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | no                                                                                                                     | Violation is an immediate player removal from game.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Pitching - Hybrid                                                                                 | Process                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                        | o Pitchers will be permitted to pitch up to the two innings maximum unless:<br>- Any combination of 3 walks/3 batters hit by pitch in an inning at which point a coach replaces the pitcher and completes the inning. The pitcher will remain in the game and field his/her position. The pitcher will not return to the game as a pitcher.<br>o Pitcher must be removed when he/she reaches pitch or innings limit - whichever comes first.            |
|                                                                                                   | Maximum pitches or innings/day whichever occurs first                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 50 pitches/game<br>OR<br>2 innings/day                                                                                 | o Pitcher must be removed when he/she reaches pitch or innings limit - whichever comes first.<br>o Pitchers (after one pitch) may play other positions and can return to pitch after being replaced, but only once.<br>o A pitcher is determined to have thrown an inning against their limit as soon as one pitch has been thrown.<br>o See PitchSmart Guidelines for pitch counts and required days of rest.                                          |
|                                                                                                   | Intentional walks allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | no                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Balks called?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | no                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Curveballs allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | no                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Baserunning<br>Batting<br>Fielding                                                                | Play Stops                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | -                                                                                                                      | When the ball is in the vicinity of the Pitcher at the mound. This is to minimize errant throws and dropped balls by the defense and keep the pace of the game moving.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                                   | Infield fly rule called?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | no                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Dropped 3rd strike rule called?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | no                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Bunting allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | no                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Thrown bat                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | enforced                                                                                                               | 1st offense - Bench warning<br>Subsequent offenses -Out                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                                                   | Courtesy runner required for catcher w/ 2 outs?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | no                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Leading allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | no                                                                                                                     | Base runners may not leave the base they occupy until the pitched ball crosses home plate. The penalty for leaving the base early will be a strike to the batter and no advance by any base runners.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                   | Stealing allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | no                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Advance after steal allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | no                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Stealing home allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | no                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Plays at home plate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | -                                                                                                                      | o Unless the catcher is in possession of the ball, the catcher cannot stand/block the pathway of the runner as he is attempting to score. The runner will be awarded home.<br>o The exception is if the catcher moves INTO the pathway of the runner in order to field a throw, and the Umpire determines that the catcher could not have fielded the ball without blocking the pathway of the runner and that contact with the runner was unavoidable. |
| Headfirst slides allowed?                                                                         | no                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Baserunner MUST slide when there is a play at home plate. Failure to slide will result in the runner being called out. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Base coaches helmet required?                                                                     | no                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Conduct/Other                                                                                     | Any coach entering the field of play to dispute an umpire's call without calling time and approval from the umpire will be immediately ejected and may be suspended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Coaches shall refrain from criticizing an umpire and from making anticipatory ball/strike, safe/out or fair/foul "calls" of plays to intimidate or influence the umpire, and shall take reasonable action with their players, parents and fans of the team to secure their cooperation with this rule. Upon receipt of a complaint from an umpire or from an opposing manager regarding compliance with this rule by coaches, players, parents or fans, a manager shall ask the offending individual associated with his/her team to comply or to leave the vicinity of the field. |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Coaches shall not permit their players, fans or parents to purposely hector or distract the opponent's players, either directly by comment or indirectly by the playing of music, singing, chanting or excessive cheering, even if ostensibly for your own batter. Upon the opposing Coach's complaint in this regard, a Coach shall take action to terminate the distracting behavior of his/her team.                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Walkup music is not permitted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Sunglasses that produce glare affecting a player's ability to see should be individually removed. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

| RULES: Minor League (10u-11u) - Grades 4 & 5 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Field Dimensions                             | Base distance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 60'                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                              | Pitching distance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 46'                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                              | Mound                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | no                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| General Rules                                | Innings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 6                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                              | Game duration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1hr 45min - no new inning<br>2hr 15min - hard stop                 | Game score reverts to the last full inning completed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                              | Players needed to start                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 8                                                                  | 15 minute grace period if a team does not have 8 players.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                              | All players must play 6 outs by the end of inning #:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 4                                                                  | Failure to comply with this rule or encouraging players to be absent or late shall result in disciplinary action.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                              | Bat all players?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | yes                                                                | Late arriving players will be added at the end of the lineup card.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                              | Maximum batters per inning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | no limit                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                              | Maximum runs per inning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 5 runs per inning for innings 1 - 4<br>Unlimited starting inning 5 | Play stops after 5 runs are scored.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                              | Defensive conferences                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 per inning<br>per pitcher                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                              | Defensive substitutions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Unlimited                                                          | Unlimited defensive substitutions shall be allowed providing the playing time rule has been complied with.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                              | Mercy rule                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 15 runs ahead after 4 innings<br>10 runs after 5 innings           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                              | Forfeits allowed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Yes                                                                | A team must have at least eight (8) players when on defense or the game will be declared a forfeit. The game may be played as a scrimmage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                              | Official game                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Four (4) innings by trailing team OR<br>1h 30m time reached        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                              | Equipment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Helmet cage/jaw guard required?                                    | no                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Maximum barrell size                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 2-3/4"                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Bat requirement                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | USA Baseball or USSSA stamped                                      | Violation of this rule is an automatic out for the batter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Wooden bats allowed?                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | no                                                                 | Violation of this rule is an automatic out for the batter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Metal cleats allowed?                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | no                                                                 | Violation is an immediate player removal from game.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Pitching                                     | Maximum pitches or innings/day whichever occurs first                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 75 pitches/game<br>OR<br>2 innings/day<br>4 innings /week          | o Pitcher must be removed when he/she reaches pitch or innings limit - whichever comes first.<br>o Pitchers (after one pitch) may play other positions and cannot return to pitch after being replaced.<br>o A pitcher is determined to have thrown an inning against their limit as soon as one pitch has been thrown.<br>o See PitchSmart Guidelines for pitch counts and required days of rest.                                                                 |
|                                              | Intentional walks allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | no                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                              | Balks called?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | warning only                                                       | Balks will be called, but with no penalty. Umpires/coaches should work with pitchers to teach why it was a balk. A pitch thrown on a balk may be called a "no pitch" by the umpire if he determines that the balk disadvantaged the offensive team.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                              | Curveballs allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | no (9)                                                             | No pitcher shall deliberately throw a curve ball. If in the Umpire's judgment a curve ball is thrown, a no pitch will be declared and a warning issued to the pitcher and manager. If another curve is thrown the pitcher will be removed from pitching. <i>Movement on the ball does not constitute a curve ball, the purpose of this rule is to prevent stress on the arm.</i>                                                                                   |
| Baserunning<br>Batting<br>Fielding           | Infield fly rule called?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | no                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                              | Dropped 3rd strike rule called?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | no                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                              | Bunting allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | yes                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                              | Thrown bat                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | enforced                                                           | 1st offense - Bench warning<br>Subsequent offenses -Out                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | Courtesy runner required for catcher w/ 2 outs?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | yes                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                              | Leading allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | no                                                                 | Base runners may not leave the base they occupy until the pitched ball crosses home plate. The penalty for leaving the base early will be a strike to the batter and no advance by any base runners.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              | Stealing allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | yes, after ball crosses home plate                                 | o Base runners may not leave the base they occupy until the pitched ball crosses home plate. The penalty for leaving the base early will be a strike to the batter and no advance by any base runners.<br>o Any batter who receives a walk may not advance past first base until the next ball is pitched. All runners forced to advance on a walk may only advance one base until the next ball is pitched. Any runners not forced may advance at their own risk. |
|                                              | Advance after steal allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | yes                                                                | If after an attempted steal, there is a play made by the defensive team (example: throw to a base), the baserunner may advance at their own risk.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                              | Stealing home allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | yes                                                                | o Baserunner MUST slide when there is a play at home plate. Failure to slide will result in the runner being called out.<br>o Stealing home is only allowed when there is an overthrow to a base.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                              | Plays at home plate - catcher                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | -                                                                  | o Unless the catcher is in possession of the ball, the catcher cannot stand/block the pathway of the runner as he is attempting to score. The runner will be awarded home.<br>o The exception is if the catcher moves INTO the pathway of the runner in order to field a throw, and the Umpire determines that the catcher could not have fielded the ball without blocking the pathway of the runner and that contact with the runner was unavoidable.            |
|                                              | Plays at home plate - baserunner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | -                                                                  | Baserunner MUST slide when there is a play at home plate. Failure to slide will result in the runner being called out.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              | Headfirst slides allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | no                                                                 | o No runner may slide head first into a base not previously occupied. Runners sliding head first will be called out.<br>o Runners are allowed to slide head first to return to a base previously occupied.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                              | Base coaches helmet required?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | no                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Conduct/Other                                | Any coach entering the field of play to dispute an umpire's call without calling time and approval from the umpire will be immediately ejected and may be suspended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                              | Coaches shall refrain from criticizing an umpire and from making anticipatory ball/strike, safe/out or fair/foul "calls" of plays to intimidate or influence the umpire, and shall take reasonable action with their players, parents and fans of the team to secure their cooperation with this rule. Upon receipt of a complaint from an umpire or from an opposing manager regarding compliance with this rule by coaches, players, parents or fans, a manager shall ask the offending individual associated with his/her team to comply or to leave the vicinity of the field. |                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                              | Coaches shall not permit their players, fans or parents to purposely hector or distract the opponent's players, either directly by comment or indirectly by the playing of music, singing, chanting or excessive cheering, even if ostensibly for your own batter. Upon the opposing Coach's complaint in this regard, a Coach shall take action to terminate the distracting behavior of his/her team.                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                              | Walkup music is not permitted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                              | Sunglasses that produce glare affecting a player's ability to see should be individually removed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

| RULES: Major League (12u-13u) - Grades 6 & 7                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Field Dimensions                                                                                  | Base distance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 70'                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Pitching distance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 50'                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Mound                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | no                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| General Rules                                                                                     | Innings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 7                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Game duration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1hr 45min - no new inning<br>2hr 15min - hard stop                 | Game score reverts to the last full inning completed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                   | Players needed to start                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 8                                                                  | 15 minute grace period if a team does not have 8 players.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                                                                                   | All players must play 6 outs by the end of inning #:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 4                                                                  | Failure to comply with this rule or encouraging players to be absent or late shall result in disciplinary action.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                                   | Bat all players?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | yes                                                                | Late arriving players will be added at the end of the lineup card.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                                                   | Maximum batters per inning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | no limit                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Maximum runs per inning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 5 runs per inning for innings 1 - 4<br>Unlimited starting inning 5 | Play stops after 5 runs are scored.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                   | Defensive Conferences                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3 per game                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Defensive Substitutions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | unlimited                                                          | Unlimited defensive substitutions shall be allowed providing the playing time rule has been complied with.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                   | Mercy Rule                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 15 runs ahead after 4 innings<br>10 runs after 5 innings           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Forfeits allowed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | yes                                                                | A team must have at least eight (8) players when on defense or the game will be declared a forfeit. The game may be played as a scrimmage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                   | Official game                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Four (4) innings by trailing team<br>OR<br>1h 30m time reached     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Equipment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Helmet cage/jaw guard required?                                    | no                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Maximum barrell size                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 2-3/4"                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Bat requirement                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | USA Baseball or USSSA stamped                                      | Violation of this rule is an automatic out for the batter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Wooden bats allowed?                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | no                                                                 | Violation of this rule is an automatic out for the batter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Metal cleats allowed?                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | no                                                                 | Violation is an immediate player removal from game.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Pitching                                                                                          | Maximum pitches or innings/day whichever occurs first                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 85 pitches/game<br>OR<br>2 innings/day<br>4 innings/week           | o Pitcher must be removed when he/she reaches pitch or innings limit - whichever comes first.<br>o Pitchers (after one pitch) may play other positions and cannot return to pitch after being replaced.<br>o A pitcher is determined to have thrown an inning against their limit as soon as one pitch has been thrown.<br>o See PitchSmart Guidelines for pitch counts and required days of rest.                                                      |
|                                                                                                   | Intentional walks allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | yes                                                                | An intentional base on balls may be given by the defensive team by having its catcher or coach request the umpire to award the batter first base. This may be done before pitching to the batter or on any ball and strike count. The ball shall be declared dead before making the award. NFHS 2-4-3.                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                                   | Balks called?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | yes                                                                | Balks will be called. However, one (1) warning per pitcher will be issued for first 2 weeks of the season.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                   | Curveballs allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | no                                                                 | No pitcher shall deliberately throw a curve ball. If in the Umpire's judgment a curve ball is thrown, a no pitch will be declared and a warning issued to the pitcher and manager. If another curve is thrown the pitcher will be removed from pitching. <i>Movement on the ball does not constitute a curve ball, the purpose of this rule is to prevent stress on the arm.</i>                                                                        |
| Baserunning<br>Batting<br>Fielding                                                                | Infield fly rule called?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | yes                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Dropped 3rd strike rule called?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | yes                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Bunting allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | yes                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Thrown bat                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | enforced                                                           | 1st offense - Bench warning<br>Subsequent offenses -Out                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                                                   | Courtesy runner required for catcher w/ 2 outs?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | yes                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Leading allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | yes                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Stealing allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | yes                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Advance after steal allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | yes                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Stealing home allowed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | yes                                                                | Baserunner MUST slide when there is a play at home plate. Failure to slide will result in the runner being called out.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                                   | Plays at home plate - catcher                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | -                                                                  | o Unless the catcher is in possession of the ball, the catcher cannot stand/block the pathway of the runner as he is attempting to score. The runner will be awarded home.<br>o The exception is if the catcher moves INTO the pathway of the runner in order to field a throw, and the Umpire determines that the catcher could not have fielded the ball without blocking the pathway of the runner and that contact with the runner was unavoidable. |
|                                                                                                   | Plays at home plate - baserunner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | -                                                                  | Baserunner MUST slide when there is a play at home plate. Failure to slide will result in the runner being called out.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Headfirst slides allowed?                                                                         | yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Base coaches helmet required?                                                                     | no                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Conduct/Other                                                                                     | Any coach entering the field of play to dispute an umpire's call without calling time and approval from the umpire will be immediately ejected and may be suspended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Coaches shall refrain from criticizing an umpire and from making anticipatory ball/strike, safe/out or fair/foul "calls" of plays to intimidate or influence the umpire, and shall take reasonable action with their players, parents and fans of the team to secure their cooperation with this rule. Upon receipt of a complaint from an umpire or from an opposing manager regarding compliance with this rule by coaches, players, parents or fans, a manager shall ask the offending individual associated with his/her team to comply or to leave the vicinity of the field. |                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Coaches shall not permit their players, fans or parents to purposely hector or distract the opponent's players, either directly by comment or indirectly by the playing of music, singing, chanting or excessive cheering, even if ostensibly for your own batter. Upon the opposing Coach's complaint in this regard, a Coach shall take action to terminate the distracting behavior of his/her team.                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Walkup music is not permitted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Sunglasses that produce glare affecting a player's ability to see should be individually removed. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

| RULES: Seniors AL (14u-15u) Grades 8 & 9 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Field Dimensions                         | Base distance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 90'                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | Pitching distance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 60' 6"                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | Mound                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | yes                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| General Rules                            | Innings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 7                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | Game duration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1hr 45min - no new inning<br>2hr 15min - hard stop                                                                                         | Game score reverts to the last full inning completed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                          | Players needed to start                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 8                                                                                                                                          | 15 minute grace period if a team does not have 8 players.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                          | All players must play 6 outs by the end of inning #:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 5                                                                                                                                          | Failure to comply with this rule or encouraging players to be absent or late shall result in disciplinary action.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                          | Wildcat batting order                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | yes                                                                                                                                        | Late arriving players will be added at the end of the lineup card.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                          | Max batters per inning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | no limit                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | Max runs per inning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | no limit                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | Defensive Conferences                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3 per game                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | Defensive Substitutions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | unlimited                                                                                                                                  | Unlimited defensive substitution shall be allowed providing the playing time rule has been complied with.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                          | Mercy Rule                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 15 ahead after 4<br>10 after 5                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Forfeits allowed                         | yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | A team must have at least eight (8) players when on defense or the game will be declared a forfeit. The game may be played as a scrimmage. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Equipment                                | Helmet Cage/Jaw Guard Required                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | no                                                                                                                                         | Equipment requirements will follow standards of the National Federation High School Rules with the exception of 7th and 8th graders.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                          | Max Barrel Size                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 2-5/8"                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | Bat Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | BBCOR -3*                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | Wooden Bats                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | allowed                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | Metal cleats                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | allowed                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Pitching                                 | Max pitches or innings/day whichever occurs first                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 95 pitches/game OR<br>4 innings/day                                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Pitcher must be removed when he/she reaches pitch or innings limit - whichever comes first.</li> <li>o Pitchers (after one pitch) may play other positions and cannot return to pitch after being replaced.</li> <li>o A pitcher is determined to have thrown an inning against their limit as soon as one pitch has been thrown.</li> <li>o See PitchSmart Guidelines for pitch counts and required days of rest.</li> </ul>                                          |
|                                          | Intentional walks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | yes                                                                                                                                        | An intentional base on balls may be given by the defensive team by having its catcher or coach request the umpire to award the batter first base. This may be done before pitching to the batter or on any ball and strike count. The ball shall be declared dead before making the award. NFHS 2-4-3.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                          | Balks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | yes                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | Curveballs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | yes                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Baserunning<br>Batting<br>Fielding       | Infield fly                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | yes                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | Dropped 3rd strike                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | yes                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | Bunting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | yes                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | Thrown bat                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | enforced                                                                                                                                   | 1st offense - Bench warning<br>Subsequent offenses -Out                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                          | Courtesy runner required for catcher w/ 2 outs (player who made last out)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | yes                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | Leading                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | yes                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | Stealing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | yes                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | Advance after steal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | yes                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | Stealing home                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | yes                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | Plays at home plate - catcher                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | -                                                                                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Unless the catcher is in possession of the ball, the catcher cannot stand/block the pathway of the runner as he is attempting to score. The runner will be awarded home.</li> <li>o The exception is if the catcher moves INTO the pathway of the runner in order to field a throw, and the Umpire determines that the catcher could not have fielded the ball without blocking the pathway of the runner and that contact with the runner was unavoidable.</li> </ul> |
|                                          | Plays at home plate - baserunner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | -                                                                                                                                          | Baserunner MUST slide when there is a play at home plate. Failure to slide will result in the runner being called out.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                          | Headfirst slides                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | yes                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Basecoaches Helmet Required              | no                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Conduct/Other                            | Any coach entering the field of play to dispute an umpire's call without calling time and approval from the umpire will be immediately ejected and may be suspended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | Coaches shall refrain from criticizing an umpire and from making anticipatory ball/strike, safe/out or fair/foul "calls" of plays to intimidate or influence the umpire, and shall take reasonable action with their players, parents and fans of the team to secure their cooperation with this rule. Upon receipt of a complaint from an umpire or from an opposing manager regarding compliance with this rule by coaches, players, parents or fans, a manager shall ask the offending individual associated with his/her team to comply or to leave the vicinity of the field. |                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | Coaches shall not permit their players, fans or parents to purposely hector or distract the opponent's players, either directly by comment or indirectly by the playing of music, singing, chanting or excessive cheering, even if ostensibly for your own batter. Upon the opposing Coach's complaint in this regard, a Coach shall take action to terminate the distracting behavior of his/her team.                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | Walkup music is not permitted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | Sunglasses that produce glare affecting a player's ability to see should be individually removed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

### Pitch Count Limits and Required Rest Recommendations

It is important for each league to set workload limits for their pitchers to limit the likelihood of pitching with fatigue. Research has shown that pitch counts are the most accurate and effective means of doing so. See required rest recommendations below.

| Age   | Daily Max (Pitches in Game) | 0 Days Rest | 1 Days Rest | 2 Days Rest | 3 Days Rest | 4 Days Rest | 5 Days Rest |
|-------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 7-8   | 50                          | 1-20        | 21-35       | 36-50       | N/A         | N/A         | N/A         |
| 9-10  | 75                          | 1-20        | 21-35       | 36-50       | 51-65       | 66+         | N/A         |
| 11-12 | 85                          | 1-20        | 21-35       | 36-50       | 51-65       | 66+         | N/A         |
| 13-14 | 95                          | 1-20        | 21-35       | 36-50       | 51-65       | 66+         | N/A         |
| 15-16 | 95                          | 1-30        | 31-45       | 46-60       | 61-75       | 76+         | N/A         |
| 17-18 | 105                         | 1-30        | 31-45       | 46-60       | 61-80       | 81+         | N/A         |
| 19-22 | 120                         | 1-30        | 31-45       | 46-60       | 61-80       | 81-105      | 106+        |