

2024 Tri-State Area Youth Baseball League

League Specific Rules by Division- Coach Pitch Age 6-8

Little League rules will be followed in addition to the following:

1. At the beginning of the game both head coaches will meet to discuss these rules, review bats (USA stamped), and any issues related to the field, out of play areas etc.
2. All players need to be in the batting lineup all game. Only 10 players will play the field, but all players remain in the batting lineup. (For example: if you have 14 kids, all 14 are in the batting lineup all game and only 10 will play the field). Each player must play the field at least 2 innings.
3. 8 pitches or 3 strikes. If the 8th pitch is fouled, then batter will continue to bat until a ball is put into play or 3rd strike is made.
4. Batted ball hits the pitching coach the ball is declared dead and 1 base is given. No bunts or infield fly rule.
5. An attempt to get the ball back to the pitcher's circle (thrown ball crosses the line of the pitcher's circle) stops play (Pitcher's circle has an 8-foot radius)
6. Any ball batted into the infield (not hit to the grass of outfield) will result in a max of two bases advanced by runners.
7. Players in the Pitcher position **must wear a heart guard**. Player in Pitcher position must be at the back half of the pitcher's circle on either side of the coach with an unobstructed view of the batter.
8. No infielder may move closer to home plate than the back of the pitcher's circle prior to the ball being hit in play.
9. Catchers will play in full protective gear.
10. Halfway marks will be used to determine runner advancement as ball is returned to pitcher. A line will be placed halfway between first and second, halfway between second and third and three-quarters between third and home.
11. Only two players may have a bat in their hands during play. The batter and the on-deck batter provided the on-deck batter can be in a safe area within the field of play (inside the fence). No other players should have a bat, and no bats should be swung outside the field of play fence.
12. Game length – No inning will start play after the 1:45 hour mark (inning will finish play if started before the 1:45-hour mark)
13. Six run limit per inning (plus continuation runs if runners present) Unlimited runs in 6th inning only.
14. 10 run mercy rule after four innings.
15. All teams should exhibit good sportsmanship (coaches and parents included). No negative chants, and no chants once the pitcher is ready to deliver the pitch.
16. In case of rain out the visiting team's coach should be notified 90 minutes before scheduled play.