

# Baseball Interleague Rules

## Baseball 9-10 Minor Division Rules

- Bats - Non-wood and laminated bats shall bear the USA Baseball logo.
- 6 innings per game or 1 hour and 30 minutes, maximum, from the time of first pitch. No new inning started after 1 hour and 20 minutes.
- Maximum of 10 players on the field during defense. (If the other team has 10 players)
- Teams will roster bat with unlimited substitutions. (Does not include pitcher/catcher rotations)
- No Dropped Third Strike Rule.
- 1st - 3 weeks of season ( $\frac{1}{2}$  of the season) No walk rule: the coach will resume the count after the 4th ball and pitch from the 46' mound, Coach pitches are limited to 5 pitches and will be called as strikes and balls. When the player hits off the coach, they are allowed one base and all other players can advance with no limitations.
- Must have 8 players to start the game, once started can play with less due to an injury.
- 5 Run Rule per inning except for the 6<sup>th</sup> inning.
- Stealing home is allowed.
- Mercy rule 15 after 3 or 10 runs after 4. (Coaches can still play if they desire)
- 11-year-old playing in the 9-10 division cannot pitch.
- Pitching rules
  - Max pitches of 75 pitches (if the pitcher started the batter below 75 pitches, they can continue that batter) 8 yr. old's 50 pitches
  - Rest Requirements
    - 66+ pitches- 4 days of rest
    - 51-65 pitches – 3 days of rest
    - 36-50 pitches – 2 days of rest
    - 21-35 pitches – 1 day rest
    - 1-20 pitches- no days of rest
    - Players cannot pitch 3 consecutive days.

Coaches will track pitch counts (pitch count form or in game books) and should make every attempt to communicate with the opposing team after each game and before the start of the next game for transparency regarding their pitcher's eligibility. (Mandatory signing off of books will be implemented in 2023).

- Pitcher to Catcher and vice versa
  - Any player who has played the position of catcher in four or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.

- A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.
- A player who played the position of catcher for three innings or less, moves to the pitcher position, and delivers 21 pitches or more in the same day, may not return to the catcher position on that calendar day.
- All other Little League Rules will be followed.

## **Baseball 11-12 Major Division Rules**

- Bats - Non-wood and laminated bats shall bear the USA Baseball logo.
- 6 innings per game or 1 hour and 30 minutes, maximum from the time of first pitch. No new inning started after 1 hour and 20 minutes.
- Maximum of 9 players on the field during defense.
- Teams will roster bat with unlimited substitutions. (Does not include pitcher/catcher rotations)
- Dropped Third Strike, batter can go to 1st if unoccupied or if occupied with 2 outs.
- Must have 8 players to start the game, once started can play with less due to an injury.
- Stealing home is allowed
- Mercy rule 15 after 3 or 10 runs after 4 (coaches can still play if they desire)
- Pitching rules
  - Max pitches of 85 pitches (if the pitcher started the batter below 85 pitches, they can continue that batter)
  - Rest Requirements
    - 66+ pitches- 4 days of rest
    - 51-65 pitches – 3 days of rest
    - 36-50 pitches – 2 days of rest
    - 21-35 pitches - 1 day rest
    - 1-20 pitches- no days of rest
    - Players cannot pitch 3 consecutive days.
- Pitcher to Catcher and vice versa
  - Any player who has played the position of catcher in four or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.
  - A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.
  - A player who played the position of catcher for three innings or less, moves to the pitcher position, and delivers 21 pitches or more in the same day, may not return to the catcher position on that calendar day.

# Softball Interleague Rules

## Softball 9-10 Minor Division Rules

- 6 innings per game or 1 hour and 30 minutes, maximum from the time of first pitch. No new inning started after 1 hour and 20 minutes.
- Maximum of 10 players on the field during defense. (If the other team has 10 players)
- Teams will roster bat with unlimited substitutions.
- No Dropped Third Strike Rule.
- 1st - 3 weeks of season ( $\frac{1}{2}$  of the season) No walk rule: the coach will resume the count after the 4th ball and pitch from the 35' mound, Coach pitches are limited to 5 pitches and will be called as strikes and balls. When the player hits off the coach, they are allowed one base and all other players can advance with no limitations.
- Must have 8 players to start the game, once started can play with less due to an injury.
- Stealing home is allowed.
- 5 Run Rule per inning except for the 6<sup>th</sup> inning.
- Mercy rule 15 after 3 or 10 runs after 4 (coaches can still play if they desire)

## Softball 11-12 Major Division Rules

- 6 innings per game or 1 hour and 30 minutes, maximum, from the time of first pitch. No new inning started after 1 hour and 20 minutes.
- Maximum of 9 players on the field during defense.
- Teams will roster bat with unlimited substitutions.
- Dropped Third Strike, batter can go to 1st if unoccupied or if occupied with 2 outs.4
- Must have 8 players to start the game, once started can play with less due to an injury.
- Stealing home is allowed
- Mercy rule 15 after 3 or 10 runs after 4 (coaches can still play if they desire)

*\*The 9/10 Baseball Coach Pitch will be removed in the upcoming 2025 season.*

*These rules will be continually adopted year to year unless a league president notifies the District Administrator in writing of potential rule changes before season.*

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