



## **Avon Youth Sports Baseball Rules 2026 Spring Season**

### **League Goals**

The goals of the AYS Baseball League are:

- Involving every participant creating a positive experience,
- Developing fundamental baseball skills,
- Building player confidence,
- Emphasizing player efforts
- Practicing good sportsmanship
- Having fun!!!

### **Code of Conduct**

- Any abusive, obscene language, or unsportsmanlike conduct by coaches, players, spectators, or parents WILL NOT be tolerated.
- All coaches, players, umpires, spectators and parents will treat each other with respect, and speak to each other accordingly.
- Any coach, player, parent, or spectator that is ejected from a game will be subject to a suspension of the remainder of the current game plus a minimum of one additional game.

### **Sportsmanship Expectations**

- Coaches are not only responsible for their own conduct, but also for the conduct of their players and fans as well. All coaches are expected to set a positive example for their teams.
- **Please take notice of the following sportsmanship expectations:**
  - No abusive, profane, or obscene language will be tolerated by ANYONE
  - Anyone ridiculing or directing negative comments to any player, volunteer, or umpire will be asked to leave the field immediately.

### **League Set up**

Little League International Affiliate.

All Little League rules will be followed except the following Amendments, labeled as such.

Further explanation of each league, with the Amendments, listed below.



## **Rookies League (6-7 years old co-ed)**

### EXPLANATION OF LEAGUE

- Use of real baseball
- USA Baseball certified bats only
- Coach pitch
- No umpires. Coaches will be umpires
- Pitchers Helpers must wear a heart guard (provided by AYS)
- 5 inning games no new inning after 1:15 and finish the inning
- Regular season games can end in a tie
- Must bat the entire lineup
- 5 run max per inning (all innings) or 3 outs
- Each batter will receive 7 pitches or 5 swings, if last one is foul then player gets another pitch
- The coach must pitch OVERHAND & STANDING from roughly 30 feet (Playoffs, coaches make line in dirt together before the game so there are no disagreements)
- A batted ball that comes in contact with the pitching coach is a dead ball and is considered a “no pitch”
- Only 4 players on the infield dirt (1<sup>st</sup> base, 2<sup>nd</sup> base, SS, 3<sup>rd</sup> base) plus catcher and pitchers helper
- All other players have to be in the outfield grass
- No Bunts
- No Steals
- Runners can advance one (1) base on an overthrow. Can only advance on one (1) overthrow per ball in play. Overthrow can be to any base.
- Ball into outfield, runners can advance until ball is controlled in the infield by an infielder or a play is attempted to be made at a base.
  - If runner is more than half way between bases when the ball is controlled, the runner will be awarded the next base. If they are not half way, the runner will be sent back to the previous base.
- All Players will play defense, rotating throughout the season
- Players will rotate between playing the infield and outfield throughout the game
- Use a catcher (standard catchers gear provided by AYS, personal protection provided by player)