



## **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.



## **AA League (8 - 9 years old)**

### EXPLANATION OF LEAGUE (continued to next page)

- Coaches will provide games balls to umpire (distributed by AYS at the beginning of the season)
- Coach of the team on defense will hold onto the extra game balls and throw them into the pitcher as necessary
- USABaseball certified bats only
- Players will pitch from 43 feet
- No Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike
- No Infield Fly
- No Steals
- No Bunts
- Hit by Pitch, batter goes to 1<sup>st</sup> base
- No walks
  - If pitcher gets to 4 balls, coach comes in and finishes the at bat
    - Coaches throw from the 43 foot pitching rubber (for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of season & playoffs)
    - Coaches must be standing on both feet when pitching
    - If while pitching, the coach is hit by a batted ball, it is treated as a “no pitch”
  - Players can strikeout (swinging and looking) from coach pitching
- Must bat entire lineup
- 10 defensive players allowed on the field (4 outfielders)
- Catcher must wear all protective gear (standard catchers gear provided by AYS, personal protection provided by player)
- Runners must stop once ball is controlled by the pitcher on the mound (not pitching rubber)
  - 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.
- Runners can advance one (1) base on an overthrow. Can only advance on one (1) overthrow per ball in play.
- If more than 10 on a team, a player must not sit for more than 3 consecutive defensive outs and everyone else on the team must sit for 3 outs before a player has to sit again
- Time limit will be 1hr 30 min and complete the inning, a new top of an inning starts when the last out is made in the bottom off the previous inning
- Regular season games can end in a tie
- 5 run max per inning (all innings)
- Daily Little League Pitching Guidelines
  - 7 years old — max 50 pitches a day
  - 8 years old – max 50 pitches a day
  - 9 years old – max 75 pitches a day
  - 10 years old – max 75 pitches a day
- Standard Little League Pitching Rest Guidelines
  - 0-20 pitches = no Day Rest
  - 21-35 pitches = 1 Day Rest
  - 36-50 pitches = 2 Days Rest
  - 51-65 pitches = 3 Days Rest



- 66+ pitches = 4 Days Rest
- Other Pitching Rules & Guidelines
  - Any pitcher that reaches 40 pitches CAN NOT play the position of catcher for the remainder of the day.
  - Any player that has played 4 or more innings at the position of catcher is NOT ELIGIBLE to pitch on that calendar day.
  - Any player that has played the position of catcher for 3 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 that calendar day
  - A player may not pitch in more than 1 game per day.
- The score keepers for each team will verify pitch counts with each other after every inning
- Games will be played with 60 foot base paths, preferably Field 7 or Field 6 & 9 if necessary