



## **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.



## **AAA League (9-10 years old)**

### EXPLANATION OF LEAGUE

- Coaches will provide game balls to umpire (Distributed by AYS at beginning of the season)
- USA Baseball certified bats only
- Little League International Rules except as listed below:
- No Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike
- Infield Fly Rule is active
- Steals are allowed after ball crosses home plate
  - Can attempt to advance home on a passed ball/ball in play or if forced home on a walk/hbp
    - To be considered a passed ball, the ball must pass the catcher, not dropped in front or next to.
- 9 defensive players on the field
- Must bat entire line up
- If more than 9 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 can sit again
- 6 inning game, **time limit will be no new inning after 1hr 45min and complete the inning**
- Regular season games may end in a tie.
- 5 run max per inning except the 6<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> inning & extra innings are unlimited runs
- Daily Little League Pitching Guidelines
  - 9 years old – max 75 pitches a day
  - 10 years old – max 75 pitches a day
  - 11 years old – max 85 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.
- Score keepers for each team will verify pitch counts with each other after every inning
- Games will be played on 46 X 60 Field, preferably Field 6 or Field 7 & 9 if necessary