



NYBS DOUBLE A DIVISION

2026 RULES

REMEMBER-THEY'RE JUST KIDS AND IT'S ONLY A GAME!

General Playing Rules

1. NYBS requires players to attend and complete 50% of scheduled games to maintain eligibility to attend tryouts for summer baseball.
2. All coaches, players, and parents will follow NYBS Code Of Conduct at all times. Any infraction will result in immediate discipline by the board.
3. A minimum of one junior umpire is required for each game. NYBS has a zero-tolerance policy for anyone who is disrespectful to an umpire. Any coach, player, or parent that is ejected from a game is automatically suspended for two (2) games, barred from any contact with or attending any team activities, and must attend a disciplinary hearing with the executive board before they can be reinstated.
4. Every player bats in the line-up. Line-up cards will be exchanged between managers prior to the start of the game.
5. If a player misses their turn in the batting order for any reason, other than injury, sickness, or any of the exceptions noted below, an out will be recorded in that spot and they will not be allowed to re-enter the batting order (if the player has left the complex). The player is allowed to re-enter, in their original spot in the order, if they overcome their injury or sickness. If a player has to leave the game and field complex for any other reason (e.g., AAU, other sport, non-sport reason other than an emergency), an out will be recorded in that spot in the batting order.
6. No player(s) shall sit more than 3 innings per 6 inning game. Player(s) shall not sit out more than two (2) of the first four (4) innings. This rule does not apply if a player sustains an injury or illness during the game. Coaches should rotate who sits amongst their team. Players must play a minimum of two (2) innings in the infield.
7. Games will be six (6) innings and played on a 46/60 diamond. See Pitching section for distances for ages & bases at 60 ft.
8. Prior to the end of the second inning, late arriving players will be placed at the end of the line-up. Once a team has batted through the batting order once, no additions will be made regardless of inning, making that late player ineligible to play.
9. Use of any tobacco, vaping, or alcohol is not allowed during any NYBS game, practice, or any other function.
10. NO chanting or singing of cadence of any kind is allowed.



11. NYBS is a volunteer program and everyone must do their part in the upkeep of the fields and complex. The 'Away' team is responsible for preparing the field prior to the game. This includes but is not limited to: lining the foul lines and batter's boxes, dragging the infield, hand raking the mound and bases, setting up the scoreboard. The 'Home' team is responsible for clean up after the game including but not limited to dragging the infield, hand raking the mound, bases, batter's box, setting the bases in the proper plugs (if needed). EACH team is responsible for their side of the field (dugout, grandstands, etc.) to make sure all trash is removed and, as required, trash cans emptied into the dumpster located at the rear of the complex.
12. At the conclusion of the game the winning coach is required to confirm with the losing coach final scores and pitch counts and email both to the league contact within 24 hours to be entered into the standings on the NYBS website. Failure to report both score and pitch counts will result in a forfeit.
13. All games are assigned an official start time. This is the time that the first pitch should be thrown. If a team is short-handed a 15-minute grace period is allowed; however, the game must start when nine (9) players are available for both teams. No new inning may start after 1 hour and 45 minutes from the scheduled start time. The inning deemed the 'last inning' should be played to completion. If the umpire(s) determine a 'regulation' game cannot be completed, the final score will revert back to the last complete inning unless the game is stopped in the bottom of the inning with the home team ahead. Exception: Playoff games must be played to their entirety. Forfeited games will be recorded as a 6-0 loss in the standings.
14. Unlimited (free) field substitutions are allowed throughout the game, with the exception of pitchers re-entering the game.
15. Once the first pitch is thrown, the umpire(s) are in charge of the game. From that point forward ALL decisions on temporary halt, suspensions, cancellation and declaring end of game are with the umpires.
16. All non-pitching protests shall be lodged verbally at the point of the infraction, during the game, to the umpire and the opposing coach. The league vice president must then be notified within 24 hours. Judgment calls by an umpire may not be protested.
17. Little League 'Run Rule' is NOT in effect.
18. All players must slide or attempt to avoid the defensive player. Failure to slide or attempt to avoid will result in a player being called out.
19. A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher when on base. This runner must be the last recorded out.
20. Bunting is allowed, but no slash bunting. Batter will be called out — dead ball, no advancement of runners.
21. **Stolen Bases: Maximum three (3) steal attempts per inning per team.** No leading. No advancement on passed balls. Stealing of second and third base is allowed. Double steals



count as both steals. No advancement on overthrows. No stealing home. No head-first slides advancing to bases (only allowed returning).

22. Except for an overthrow on stealing (no advancement) each baserunner is allowed 1 base on an overthrow. Meaning if there is a play at first base, and the ball is thrown away, the baserunner can advance to second base
23. Any player at the catcher's position in four (4) or more innings is not eligible to pitch on that day.
24. Four outfielders will be used. All outfielders must be positioned an equal distance from each other across the outfield. No short fielder or outfielder directly behind second base. If fewer players are available, 3 outfielders may be used if both teams agree.
25. Bats: Only USA Bat certified bats allowed. No BBCOR or USSSA bats. Barrel may not exceed 2-5/8" diameter. Wood bats allowed if meeting Official Baseball Rule 1.10.
26. **Offensive team limited to scoring five (5) runs per inning**, except in the last inning when there is no scoring limit.

Pitching

1. **AA is the first division which features kid pitch.** However, to ensure that players are given sufficient opportunity to hit live pitching, a mechanical pitching machine is utilized once a batter reaches 4 balls in a given count
 - a. A coach from the at-bat team will operate the pitching machine. There are no walks given with the pitching machine
 - b. The count (balls and strikes) will be reset once the pitching machine is invoked
 - c. Players can strike out against the machine
 - d. If the pitching machine cannot be used, a coach from the hitting team will pitch
2. Coaches must adhere to the Little League pitching rules (see below) meaning that there are restrictions on # of pitches thrown in a day and on # of days rest between pitching based on # of pitches thrown
 - a. [Regular Season Pitching Rules - Little League](#)
 - b. Coaches must track the # of pitchers per pitcher and email a summary to NYBS league contact after each game (along with the final score)
3. Pitching distances:
 - c. 7 year olds will pitch from 40 ft.
 - d. 8 year olds will pitch from 43 ft
 - e. 9 year olds will pitch from 46 ft
4. Walks will be implemented approximately halfway through the season at the discretion of the coaches – based on an agreed upon date by all head coaches within the division. However, walks will be limited to 2 per inning



- a. After 2 walks are recorded, the pitching machine will be used
5. No Balks will be called
6. NO breaking balls allowed. A breaking ball is a pitch in which the pitcher snaps or breaks his wrist to give the ball spin and movement. This includes the curveball, slider, and slurve, but not the various kinds of fastball and change-up or knuckleball.
 - f. **Penalty:**
 - i. 1st time is a ball.
 - ii. 2nd time batter awarded first base.
 - iii. 3rd time batter awarded first base with pitcher and head coach ejected from the game.
 - iv. The third time rule will be in effect throughout the remainder of the game with the acting coach being ejected etc.
7. Any pitcher that hits 3 batters in an inning shall be removed.
8. There is no re-entry allowed as a pitcher once a new pitcher throws a pitch. That player however may re-enter any other fielding position at any time.
9. There are NO Intentional Walks
10. Violation of any pitching rules will result in a forfeit, which may be invoked at any time after the violation takes place. The only requirement is that the violation must be cited and verified.

Playoffs

1. The playoffs shall observe the same pitch count rules as the regular season.
 - a. There is no 'reset' date on pitch counts once the playoffs begin
2. Playoff games must be played in their entirety and do not have a time limit.
3. Little League "Run Rule" is in effect. "Where if after a game becomes regulation (3 ½ innings if home team ahead or 4 complete innings) and one team is ahead by 10 or more runs."



NYBS Pitching Chart:

AGE	Max# of Pitches	1 Day Of Rest	2 Days Of Rest	3 Days Of Rest	4 Days Of Rest
7	50	21 -35	36-50		
8	50	21 - 35	36-50		
9	75	21 - 35	36 - 50	51-65	66 - 75
10	75	21 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 65	66 - 75
11	85	21 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 65	66 - 85
12	85	21 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 65	66 - 85
13	95	21 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 65	66 - 95

*** this chart says, e.g., if a 7-year-old pitches 20 pitches, they are eligible to pitch tomorrow. If they pitch 21-35 pitches, they cannot pitch again until the day after tomorrow, etc.