



# West Volusia Youth Baseball

## AA Division Rules

The official rules and regulations for Dixie Youth Baseball. A Division shall be adhered to by the league administrators, manager, coaches, umpires and players; except for the following changes and/or additions and/or deletions:

### Player Draft

- A. Up to three (3) players can be protected from the draft per team.

### Teams

- A. Each team will have one manager and two coaches.
- B. Each team may field up to ten (10) defensive players.
- C. Offense – a maximum of three (3) coaches are permitted on the playing field in their designated areas. All other team personnel will be in the dugout or outside the field of play.
- D. Defense – a maximum of three (3) coaches are permitted on the field. They are allowed in the outfield coaches' box in foul territory and in the infield coaches' box by their dugout entrance. They may not interfere with the players or the baseball.
- E. Coaches **will not** be allowed to sit on buckets in the field of play.
- F. Tobacco, alcohol and drug products **WILL NOT** be permitted on the playing field.





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### Time Limits

The game shall be **six (6) innings -time permitting**. No new inning shall begin after **1 hour and 45 minutes** of play. Once the last inning begins, it shall be completed to its natural end. Managers and Coaches shall be responsible for monitoring the time and make adjustments accordingly.

The Home plate umpire will signal the start of the game and the Official Scorekeeper will note the start time in the scorebook and keep track of time.

### Scoring

- A. A four (4) run rule will apply for each team per inning.
- B. A ten (10) run mercy rule will be in effect after four (4) innings of play.
- C. Unlimited runs in the last inning.

### Pitching

- A. Pitching format will be as follows: 2 – Kid; 4 – Machine
- B. Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, he/she may reenter the game on defense, but may not re-enter as a pitcher.
- C. An offensive coach will ball feed the pitching machine to his/her batter
  - (1) The pitcher, during the use of the pitching machine, is required to wear a batting helmet with a full mask. If the helmet is equipped with chin strap it must be used.
- D. Batters hitting off the pitching machine will be allowed either five (5) pitches or three (3) swinging strikes. The batter will either hit the ball into fair territory or be called out at the end of five (5) pitches. If the batter foul tips the fifth pitch, he/she continues to bat until he/she either:
  - (1) Hits the ball into fair territory,
  - (2) Fails to make contact, or,
  - (3) Continues to foul off the ball. During player pitch you will go to a regular 4-3 count.





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PITCHING RESTRICTIONS				
Max. Innings Per Game	Max Innings Per Week	Min. Pitches for Rest Rule	Max. Pitches Per Game	Rest Period
2	3	25	40	36 Hrs
<b>Notes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It is recommended that when a player is going to pitch within a game, they should not be used as a catcher.</li><li>• A week begins on Sunday 12:00AM through Saturday 11:59PM</li><li>• Rest period begins at start of game. Game start time should be noted in official scorebook.</li><li>• A pitcher may not face a new batter if he has reached 40 pitches.</li><li>• A pitcher will be allowed to finish the at-bat before retiring from the mound if he/she has reached the maximum pitch count in the middle of a batter.</li></ul>				

### Batting and Base Running

- A. No Tee is used during the game.
- B. Delayed stealing allowed from any base (when pitched ball crosses home plate). No leading off from any base allowed. All base runners are to stay in contact with the base until the ball crosses home plate.
- C. A batted ball that hits any part of the pitching machine, including the electrical cord, above the ground, shall be deemed a dead ball single and the runners on base advance one base, if forced.
- D. Play is dead once the lead runner is contained. If a lead runner is contained and the other runner(s) attempt to take the next base, then the play will continue until the play comes to a natural completion.
- E. Ball must be returned to a player in the pitcher's circle, not the manager or coach.
- F. Approved T-ball bats are permitted for use in this Division.





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- G. Each team must have one approved league member in the dugout at all times.
- H. Infield fly rule does not apply in this division.
- I. A batter cannot show bunt, and then pull back and swing. A violation of this rule will result in the batter being called out and the manager will be ejected from the remainder of the game.
- J. Bunting shall be allowed.

### Slide Rule

- A. There is no mandatory slide rule in effect for this division. Runners must AVOID contact. This will be a judgment call by the Home plate umpire.
- B. When a player is advancing to a base, and there is an attempt to slide, the player must go in feet first. Head first slides into any base are **NOT** allowed and the runner will be called out.

