

BYBA 2019

Rookie's Rules

All games will be played in accordance with BYBA rules as listed below.

- A team shall consist of 8 or more players. The player that plays the pitcher position will stand next to the coach that is pitching. 1 player may be on each side of the pitcher position.
- All games shall be 5 innings in length or 1 hour. After three outs, bases will be cleared. The offensive team will continue batting until all players have batted that inning. Each team will end in a tie .
- All players must play the field. No player will sit out. Players are to be rotated at different positions.
- Official baseball bats and league balls will be used for all league games and practices.
- Bases will be approximately 45 feet apart.
- Players must not wear watches, rings earrings or any other metal items.
- Batters/base runners must wear protective helmets during the games and practices.
- Catcher's helmet and mask must be worn by the catcher at all times. The catcher will play back by the back stop for safety during a pitched ball.
- Any throwing of the bat is not allowed, one warning will be given and there after the batter is out.
- All players must wear a soft molded rubber cleats or tennis shoes (No metal spikes).
- All coaches will comply with the coach's code.
- Coaches will pitch to their own team
 - Pitch will be overhand.
 - No called Strikes. **After 3 swings, the batter must hit off of a batting tee.**
- When a ball has been returned to the infield, all runners will stop at the base they are running to.
- Runners can only advance one base on a ball that goes out of play.
- Infield fly rule does not apply
- Runners may advance on a caught fly ball in the outfield. They must tag the base before advancing.
- A runner on the base may not lead off. This means the runner cannot leave the base until the ball is hit. (no base stealing)
- **Coaches are allowed and encouraged to be on the field when their team has the field to instruct the players.**
- After each game all players and coaches will line up and shake hands with the other team.
- After each game/practice, the coaches will ensure that each player has gotten a ride home. No player will be left unattended.
- **WEATHER CONDITIONS- It is the decision of the head coaches whether or not the game shall be called. The game shall be called IMMEDIATELY if any lighting or severe weather conditions occur in the immediate area.**
- Head coaches will be responsible for contacting players if the game/practice is called off.
- Rain games or games cancelled because of inclement weather may not be rescheduled.