

2026 Paulding County Major Boys League Rules

1- 12U boys pitch count limit
pitch count 1-20 = no rest required
pitch count 21 - 35 = 1 day rest required
pitch count 36 - 50 = 2 days rest required
pitch count 51 - 65 = 3 days rest required
pitch count 66+ = 4 days rest required
daily max 85

A. Once a pitcher has been removed from pitching in a game, he cannot return to pitch in that game.

2- Games are six innings in length. There is a 10-run rule in effect any time after four innings (or 3 ½ if the home team is ahead by ten runs). No new innings may start after 1:45 of game time.

Example: if game starts at 6:30, no new innings may start after 8:15.

A. There IS time limit for tournament play.

3- Teams may score up to seven runs per inning (during regular season play and tournament). In the sixth inning or last inning of a time-shortened game, the visiting team may tie the game and score an additional seven runs. There is no limit on the runs scored by the home team in the last inning.

4- The infield fly rule will be in effect. The courtesy runner rule, as per OHSAA guidelines, is in effect.

5- The dropped third strike is in effect. The designated hitter rule is not in effect. Automatic intentional walks are not allowed (pitches must be thrown).

6- There is no requirement that players must slide on close plays at any location on the field. However, base runners must avoid contact with fielders at all times when fielders are attempting to make a play. Sliding is recommended in these situations but not required. No head first slides are permitted unless returning to a base. Any base runner who does a headfirst slide will be an automatic, dead ball out. Runners may be called out at the umpire's judgment for not sliding. Players who do not slide and make intentional contact are also subject to ejection.

7- Pitching distance is 50' from the back of home plate. Base distance is 70'

8- All players must be 12 (for Majors) years of age or younger as of April 30, 2026. Or still in the 6th grade.

9- There is no infield warm-up on the field prior to games.

10- The hosting association is to provide at least one new game ball per game as well as one quality used ball. For tournament play, associations are to provide a sanctioned home plate umpire and a qualified adult base umpire. Adult meaning high school age or older.

11- Outfielders are to play normal outfield positions. NO extra outfielders are allowed.

12- Teams may bat 9 players or may bat all players in attendance. However, they must bat in the proper order determined prior to the game starting. Players may re-enter an infinite number of times in the same batting position if only batting ten. All players must play at least two innings defensively and bat once in each contest.

Tournament play:

Teams are allowed to choose to bat all players or only 9 players . Batting only 9 players means, starting players are allowed to re-enter one time as per OHSAA rules. Players must play two innings defensively and bat once in each game of tournament.

13- Teams must have a minimum of eight players to play. If a team only has eight players, the 9th batting position will be an out in the line-up.

14- Runners may lead off base and steal bases as per standard baseball rules. Stealing is allowed of any base. Pitchers committing a balk will be given one warning. Subsequent balks will be enforced.

15- If a batter throws his bat, the first occasion results in a team warning. All offenses thereafter result in automatic dead ball outs.

16- Any players and/or coaches ejected from a game will be suspended for two games.

17- No jewelry will be allowed to worn by any players (this includes any recently pierced ears).

18- All batters/base runners must leave helmets on until they have returned inside the dugout area.

19- Offensive team is allowed only 2 base coaches outside of the dugout during live ball play.

20- Defensive team is allowed only 1 coach outside of the dugout during live ball play.

21- Bringing players from a lower league is allowed. Replacement players however, cannot start or play in place of regular players that are present. Replacement players can only play outfield and must be last batter. Playing for the upper league cannot interfere with players' regular scheduled games. Replacement player playing in the upper league game must be approved by their coach as well. Once a player has been called up he can only play for that team for the season. This includes tournaments.

22- Please make sure all bats are little league approved. Illegal bats will result in an automatic dead ball out at time of at bat. Bats must have the USA Baseball Stamp starting in 2019.

23- Any and all rules not listed will be administered by the 2026 OHSAA rule book

24- Umpires must be at least 14 years old.

Note: Will be a single elimination tournament. Seeding will be determined on coaches' collective decision.