

No leadoffs.

Bunting is allowed. If at any time a player shows an attempt to bunt, he must either continue with the bunt attempt or pull back and take the pitch. If the batter attempts to swing after showing bunt on the same pitch, the batter will be called out.

Dropped 3rd Strike: Batter is out. Runners may advance at their own risk.

Any base runner that maliciously runs into a fielder, in an attempt to dislodge the ball will automatically be called out and ejected for the remainder of that game.

Any slide outside the confines of a bag, considered by the umpire to be flagrant with intent to harm, will cause the base runner and batter/runner to both be called out. If the defender is standing on top of the bag and the baserunner slides into him in the normal course of play there will be no penalty invoked.

Cleats: No metal cleats allowed! Rubber cleats may be worn

DEFENSE:

Infield Fly: Infield fly rule is in effect.

The catcher must take the normal catching position and wear full gear.

No fielder can start a play more than 10 feet in front of any bag. If the batter shows bunt, the 1st and 3rd baseman can charge before the ball crosses the plate.

Any fielder not making a play on the ball is not allowed to stand directly on a base – interference will be called and runner will receive an additional base.

PITCHERS:

Pitcher's rubber will be located at 46 feet.

Coaches can only visit the mound to the same pitcher in the same inning (1) time. A second visit results in the pitcher being removed from the mound.

Lead Off & Balk: There will be no leading off base and there will be no balk rule in effect

Pitchers may not pitch more than 8 innings per tournament.

CORRESPONDENCE:

League must have current email addresses and phone numbers of all coaches, if you change email or phone please let your League President know as soon as change occurs. This will prevent missed communications and many misunderstandings. Most of the correspondence will be via email or text message.

PLAYOFFS / TROPHIES:

Winning teams will receive rings.

BEHAVIOR:

There is no smoking of any kind (cigarettes, e-cigarettes, etc.) allowed within 50 feet of any dugout or field.

Penalty will be suspension of the offender for the remainder of the game. If offender(s) refuse to leave, their team will forfeit that game.

Foul or abusive language of any kind will not be tolerated, and the offender will receive one verbal warning and then the offender will be removed from the park. Failure to leave will cause stoppage of the game and possible forfeit.

If a coach is removed from the game, he/she must leave the park and he/she cannot coach the team's next game.

If this occurs after the game, coach will be suspended for next game. If a coach incurs 2 offenses during the season they will be suspended for remainder of the tournament.

Aggressive or inappropriate behavior toward any umpire, scorekeeper or league official will result in offender being removed from the park. If a spectator is removed from the game, they must also not attend the next game.

All teams are required to pick up trash from their dugout after each game. If we, as coaches and administrators take pride in our league with even the small details, the kids will observe this, and it will become a habit for them.

COACHES:

All Coaches in the dugout or coaching bases must be league approved coaches. Penalty for having a non-approved coach in the dugout will result in forfeiture of that game.

All coaches must be either in the dugout or within arm's reach of the dugout opening – team will receive one warning and the next offense will result in a one out penalty being assessed in the team's next at bat.

Only Head Coaches (or designated head coach for teams with more than one head coach) can be the only coach to address umpires.

If this occurs after the game, coach will be suspended for next game. If a coach incurs 2 offenses during the season they will be suspended for remainder of the tournament.

A dugout coach is recommended while the team is at bat. If possible, we suggest a team have three coaches during the game (dugout, 1st base, and 3rd base). Maximum of 4 coaches allowed in the dugout.

Adults are only allowed to coach bases. No one under age 18 years of age can coach bases.

Balls and strikes are non-discussion issues.

OFFENSE:

Stealing Bases: Stealing bases will be allowed, but the runner must remain in contact with the base until the ball reaches home plate.

TYBSA Boys 9-10 Year Old Game Rules

GAMES:

Player Age: Age of player as of May 1st.

Games will consist of 6 innings or a 1 hour and 30 min. time limit.

Each team will be allowed 5 minutes on the field for pre-game warmups.

Each team is expected to turn in a line up at least 10 minutes before the start of the game.

If a rule is not specifically covered here, the tournament chosen rule book will apply.

USSA or USA bats will be allowed.

Base Path: 60ft

Each member league president will appoint 1 protest committee member to be available during tournament games via text.

Only rules interpretations can be protested.

Protests must be immediately protested and the game stopped.

Protest fee is \$100. If protest is lost, the money is forfeited.

Run Rule: 12 after 3, 10 after 4, 8 after 5 innings

International Tie Breaker Rule in Effect.

TEAM:

A team can play with 8 players minimum but must take outs for missing players. Teams must forfeit with less than 8 players

Teams must begin the game with 9 players.

Extra Hitter: A EH may be used and may enter the game defensively at any time without notifying the umpire unless going into the pitching position.

Teams: can bat entire lineup and have free substitution. Teams can also choose to bat 9 and use an EH.

9 defensive players can take the field with 6 in the infield and 3 in the grass or outfield.

Coaches can only visit the mound to the same pitcher in the same inning (1) time. A second visit results in the pitcher being removed from the mound.