



Hank Sauer League Rules (14U)

BYBA Sauer teams will be competing in the North Peninsula Youth Baseball League (NPYBL) in 2024. NPYBL consists of Burlingame, Millbrae, San Bruno & South San Francisco. NPYBL uses the PONY rulebook. All other rules will be governed by the “Official Baseball Rules,” if not covered below.

Safety

A player registered in BYBA may play in another baseball league or on another organized baseball team during the BYBA regular season which runs from approximately mid-February through the end of May. The player’s family must inform the BYBA Sauer Director of their participation in the other organized baseball team. A player registered in BYBA may play on their regular season team at the same time as a BYBA tournament team, which may hold practices but not play games during the last month of the BYBA regular season.

Baserunners must slide or avoid contact. If umpires determine the contact was intentional, the baserunner is out and all other runners return to the base they last occupied. No penalty for incidental contact.

If a player is removed for injury, player may not re-enter the game if doing so puts the player in immediate danger of further injury. The player’s coach will make the decision. Metal spikes are not allowed on portable turf mounds. Pitcher must change into sneakers or turf shoes. Penalty is pitcher will not be allowed to pitch.

Game Time

Games are 7 innings or 2 hours and 15 minutes. No new inning begins after 2 hours and 15 minutes from the start of the game (new inning begins when last out is made in the previous inning).

Speed up rules: One foot in the batter’s box. 10-run mercy rule applies after 5 innings. No mercy rules will apply in the championship game.

The home plate umpire will keep official game time. Extra innings will be played during the regular season if time allows. If the game is tied after a 2 hours 15 minutes time limit, the game ends in a tie. In the playoffs games will be played to completion

Courtesy runners are allowed for the catcher with two (2) outs. The courtesy runner will be the player who made the last out. Catcher must have caught an inning to have a runner.

Pitching

The pitcher must be changed on the second visit to the mound by a coach in an inning. An official visit occurs when a coach calls time-out to talk with the pitcher or goes onto the field to talk with the pitcher without calling time-out. A visit can occur even if a coach does not go across the foul line to confer. A visit can be called by an umpire if any defensive coach talks directly to the pitcher or to any defensive player who then talks to the pitcher, with or without calling time-out. If manager calls time-out and meets with any defensive player, it is a



charged visit. If the defense meets when the offense calls time-out, it is not a visit if they break up immediately after offense breaks up.

Pitchers are allowed a maximum of 7 warm-up pitches to start the game and 6 pitches between innings. A maximum of 6 warm-up pitches are allowed for relief pitchers.

Once a pitcher has been removed from pitching, they cannot re-enter the game as a pitcher. Penalty, forfeit of game but game will be played out.

Each team shall designate a representative to count each pitcher's number of pitches thrown in a game and both coaches shall confirm the number of pitches after each inning. BYBA umpires will not be responsible for tracking pitches thrown by the pitchers. In the event of a disputed pitch count, the home team's count shall apply.

Balks will be called in Sauer. On a called balk, the team at bat can take the result of the play if the pitch on which the balk was called is safely put in play.

Pitching Limits/Rest Periods

Pitchers are allowed to pitch a maximum of 95 pitches per game. One pitch constitutes one inning. Pitchers are allowed to pitch a maximum of 10 innings per week (subject to rest periods below), with weeks starting on Monday morning and ending on Sunday evening. Penalty for violation of pitch maximums, rest periods or pitching/catching combinations is a forfeit of game but the game will be played out.

The minimum of amount of rest required before a pitcher may pitch again in another game are as set forth below.

1-20 pitches - no rest required to pitch the next day

21-35 pitches - 24 hours (1 day)

36-50 pitches - 48 hours (2 days)

51-65 pitches - 72 hours (3 days)

66-95 pitches - 96 hours (4 days)

If a pitcher reaches a day(s) of rest threshold while facing a batter the pitcher may continue to pitch until one of the following conditions occurs: 1) the batter involved reaches base; 2) the batter is put out; 3) the out is made to end the involved players at bat. If an out is made to end the inning and the batter will return as the first batter for the next inning (e.g., a pickoff out that ends the inning), the pitcher shall not return to face that same batter. For example, if a pitcher was at 19 pitches at the start of the at-bat, and finished the at-bat with 23 pitches, the pitcher would not be required to observe any days' rest because pitcher only reached the first (1-20 pitch) threshold.

The rest period starts the day after a player pitches his last pitch. For example, if a player pitches 25 pitches in his 9-11am Saturday game, he must rest the entire day on Sunday and



is not eligible to pitch again until Monday. It would not matter if the player had a game after 11am on Sunday.

Roster

NPYBL requires batting a minimum of 9 batters to start (8 to finish). BYBA teams must use continuous entire team batting order. Penalty for BYBA teams not batting all players is forfeit.

If a roster player leaves the game early, the player's spot is skipped and no out is recorded. This also applies to call-up players.

Defensive substitutions are allowed at any time. BYBA players may not sit out more than 6 defensive outs at a time or more than 9 defensive outs per game*, unless due to injury. Penalty is loss of game but game will be played out.

**NPYBL requires players play 3 complete innings.*

Up to 2 call-ups should be used if fewer than 9 players are going to be available for a game. Call-ups may play any outfield position and must bat at the bottom of the order. If an unexpected roster player(s) makes the game, let the call-up player(s) play but follow the batting and defensive requirements. Call-ups may be allowed during playoffs, subject to league director approval. You cannot have 10 players with one of them being borrowed.

If a roster player arrives late to the game, he must enter at the bottom of the order. If the player arrives before his spot in the lineup has come up, he resumes his place in the order. If call-ups are in the batting order, the late arriving player bats after the call-ups if they have already batted. If the call-ups have not yet batted, the late arriving player bats after the last roster player in the batting order if the late arriving player's spot has been passed, followed by the call-ups.

Playoffs

All teams will qualify for league playoffs. The playoff schedule will be determined by each team's regular season won-loss record. Tiebreakers will be decided by head-to-head record, then fewest runs allowed, then a coin flip (in that order).

Bat Rules

Penalty for use of illegal bat is that batter is out (dead ball, no play)
Bats with a barrel larger than 2-5/8" are not allowed.

Any bats that meet CIF baseball bat standards (see www.cifstate.org) which are BBCOR approved are allowed. The BBCOR stamp must be affixed to the bat. This category must follow a -3 weight to length ratio as described in the BBCOR approved baseball bats list. In summary, any BBCOR stamped and approved bat with a -3 weight to length ratio, whether "all aluminum" alloy or composite is allowed.

All bats, except for the (-3) BBCOR certified bats, must be USABat certified bats with the USABat licensing stamp on the bat in order to be used for league play.



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Wood bats allowed, except for bamboo, in any league. Wood bats shall not be less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed sixteen (16) inches from the small end. Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball or BBCOR logo.

Ball Rules

Diamond DOL A Baseball or equivalent. Home team supplies baseballs, 3 to start game.

Other

80-foot distance between bases. Bases are fixed. Pitching distance is 54 feet.

Infield fly rule will apply. Dropped third strike rule will apply.

The ball is live at all times unless the umpire calls time-out.

Runners may lead off 1st, 2nd, and 3rd bases without penalty.

Safety/suicide squeeze plays allowed.

Fake tags are not allowed.

Winning team is responsible for reporting final score and pitch counts for all pitchers to the appropriate league director. Text final score after game to Ron Bolts, 650-399-5396.

Home team is responsible for keeping the official score book.

Home team is responsible for dragging the field and chalking the lines for the next game. Visiting team should help the home team to speed the pace of play.

Visiting team will be responsible for scoreboard operation at Bayside 1 and 2.

No taking "infield" practice before games. Only 3 coaches on the field.

Home team gets third base dugout. Dugouts should be left broom clean by both teams.

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