

# TEWKSBURY YOUTH BASEBALL (TYB)

## SENIOR LEAGUE RULES

### 2020

The Senior league consists of 13-16 year olds in TYB.

These are local rules. Anything not specified here should follow Official Babe Ruth rules.

#### GAMES

- Games will be 7 innings in length unless a tie at the end of 7 innings.
- Incomplete (not regulation) or drawn (tie) games are considered suspended and must be resumed from the point of suspension. A regulation game is 5 innings (or 4.5 if the home team is winning). If less than one complete inning has been played, then the game shall be replayed from the beginning and all records, including pitching, disregarded.
- TYB / Cal Ripken lightning guidelines must be strictly adhered to.
- The league determines if games are cancelled due to weather, etc. If you are not notified by the league you are expected to play your game.
- If you feel the field is unsafe for use then in agreement with the opposing manager and the umpire the game may be cancelled and the division rep should be notified.
- Home team bench is 1<sup>st</sup> base side, Away team in 3<sup>rd</sup> base side

#### COACHING

- There shall not be more than 4 coaches on the field or bench during any game. During practice you may have as many coaches as you'd like, provided they have passed a TYB CORI background check. All coaches should be in the designated coaching areas and not in the field of play or dugout.
- Each team shall station two (2) base coaches on the field during its time at bat. The third coach can be managing the team in front of the dugout while the fourth is doing the book from the dugout.
- Each team is responsible for making sure the dugout is clean after each game.
- Only one offensive time-out will be permitted each inning.
- Mound visits:
  - A manager or coach may come out twice in an inning to visit with the pitcher, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> visit the pitcher must be removed;
  - A manager or coach may come out three times in a game to visit with the pitcher, on the 4<sup>th</sup> visit the pitcher must be removed;
  - The manager or coach is prohibited from making a 3<sup>rd</sup> visit while the same batter is at bat
  - Visits should be kept as brief as possible to keep the games moving.

#### BATTING

- There is never an on deck batter. The only player with a bat in his/her hand is the player at the plate.
- Bunting is allowed.
- If the batter foul tips a ball with 2 strikes and it is caught by the catcher it is a strike out
- The dropped third strike rule applies.

#### PITCHING

- Per Pitch Smart, the number of pitches allowable under the regulation is based on the pitcher's age. Specific rest periods are in place when a pitcher reaches a higher threshold of pitches delivered in a day. The age is their age on **April 30** of the current season (if they get older during the season they don't get to increase their number of pitches).
  - The table below gives an overview of the number of pitches that will be allowed per day:

League Age	Maximum Pitches Allowed per Day
13-16	95

- Pitchers must adhere to the following requirements regarding days of rest from pitching for 13-14YO:

Pitches	Calendar Days Rest
1-20	0
21-35	1
36-50	2

51-65	3
66+	4

- Pitchers must adhere to the following requirements regarding days of rest from pitching for 15-16YO's:

Pitches	Calendar Days Rest
1-30	0
31-45	1
46-60	2
61-75	3
76+	4

- **Once a player is removed as pitcher he/she cannot re-enter that game as pitcher.**

- A pitcher who delivers 41 pitches or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that game. One pitch over 40 and the player CANNOT play catcher, the threshold rule does NOT apply for this.
- A player is allowed to catch first and then pitch, but if a player has played catcher for more than 4 innings in the game, he cannot pitch. He can play catcher for 4 full innings but not one pitch more.
- Each ½ inning scorekeepers from each team should confirm pitch counts
- At the conclusion of each games coaches are required to report pitch counts to the league along with score
- The pitch count used for days of rest is the threshold crossed during the last batter. The pitcher may finish the batter where the threshold is reached.
- Each league must designate the scorekeeper or another game official as the official pitch count recorder.
- The pitch count recorder must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either manager or any umpire. However, the manager is responsible for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed.
- The official pitch count recorder should inform the umpire-in-chief when a pitcher has delivered his/her maximum limit of pitches for the game, as noted in Regulation VI (c).The umpire-in-chief will inform the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed in accordance with Regulation VI (c). However, the failure by the pitch count recorder to notify the umpire-in-chief, and/or the failure of the umpire-in-chief to notify the manager, does not relieve the manager of his/her responsibility to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible.
- Violation of any section of this regulation can result in protest of the game in which it occurs.
- A player may not pitch in more than one game in a day.

### **FIELDING**

- Mandatory Field Play:
  - Each player should play at least 9 outs in a game
- Catcher's Equipment - the following are required to play catcher:
  - An athletic cup / pelvic protector
  - Catcher's mask / helmet with a throat protector, chest protector, catcher's mitt, and shin guards
  - Any player warming up a pitcher must be wear a catcher's helmet with a throat protector and use a catcher's mitt.

### **UMPIRES**

- Only the manager is allowed to discuss calls or rules with the umpires, and must do so appropriately.
- At no time should a coach yell or loudly argue with an umpire. Constant chatter and/or questions toward the umpire about calls is also not allowed.
- If a situation needs to be discussed both managers should gather to meet with the umpire to discuss the situation.
- Coaches are also asked to monitor their parents to ensure they are not complaining to the umpire. Parents should be discouraged from sitting directly behind the backstop and those who do should not be talking to the umpire about calls.

### **PLAY-OFF RULE ADJUSTMENTS**

- At the start of the play-offs all teams will start their pitcher's rest period from the last regular season game played. If a team's last game is Monday but the division plays Tuesday, the pitcher's rest period starts as if all teams played Tuesday.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- All players should remove ALL jewelry except medical bracelets/ necklaces prior to the game.

- The pitcher is NOT allowed to wear a visible white sleeved shirt.
- Hats should be worn & shirt should be tucked in unless they are too short to do so.
- Managers are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents, and fans of their team.
- The home team serves as the official scorekeeper. A coach from the home team is responsible for tracking pitch counts of both teams and validating it with the visiting team. Disputes on pitch counts (if any) must be communicated to the major league rep. within one day and will be resolved by the rep. and managers of the two teams.
- If a game cannot be played because of the inability of either team to place at least seven players on the field before the game begins shall be grounds for automatic forfeiture. At a minimum the 8<sup>th</sup> player must be arriving no later than 15 minutes after the game officially begins.