

LYBA-Dresden-Montshire Major League Rules – 2021

- Majors will follow the rules from the 2020 *Babe Ruth League, Inc. Baseball Rules and regulations & Official Playing Rules Book*

Exceptions / Additions

- There is no changing the rules below, even if coaches agree. Only Board approval from all participating leagues can change the rules.
- We will use continuous batting order that will allow every player to bat.
- Must Play Rule – All players must play 3 defensive innings (2 of those must be consecutive) and get at least 1 at bat each game, unless a game is shortened due to run rule, weather or darkness.
- Free substitution of players.
 - Once a player is removed from the pitching position, they may not return to that position in that game.
- A team must have 7 players to play a game. If a team needs to borrow a player(s) to avoid forfeiting the game, they may do that as long as this doesn't compromise the team on which that player(s) is officially rostered. In addition, that player cannot play in back-to-back games for another team. The spirit of this rule is to assure that games are not forfeited while also giving multiple players the opportunity to be "fill in" players on another team. Borrowed players may not pitch.
- Stealing bases is allowed according to Cal Ripken rules.
- We will play by the "Cal Ripken 60 ft. Baseball Division Special Base Running Rule"
 - RULE: When a pitcher is within 10 ft. radius around the pitching mound and in possession of the ball and the catcher is in the catcher's box ready to receive delivery of the ball, base runners shall not leave their bases until the ball has been delivered and has reached home plate. Once the catcher has secured the ball and the runner has stopped his forward progress, the runner must immediately return to the base.
 - No delayed steals or 'baiting a throw'
 - Runners can advance to the next base, including home, on a passed ball or wild pitch.
 - Ball is live once thrown into the field of play. Runners may advance on overthrows back to the pitcher.
 - See rulebook for leaving early.
- No intentional walks.
- Dropped third strike is in effect.
- Infield fly rule is in effect.
- Bunting is allowed. No slash bunts. Penalty for slash bunts – batter is out, the ball is dead, and no runners may advance.

- 10 Run Rule – Any game may be terminated immediately once becoming regulation if one team is ahead by 10 or more runs and have had equal times at bat or the home team is leading.
- Time Limit – No new inning may start after one hour forty-five minutes. Games called because of the time limit will be considered regulation games regardless of the number of innings played. If the game ends in a tie, there are no extra innings.
- Pitching safety. If a pitcher hits three batters in a single appearance *and* either of the Managers or the umpire deems it to be a safety risk to batters if that pitcher continues pitching, they should be removed from the pitching position immediately. The umpire should call time after the third hit batter and convene a meeting with the Managers to discuss the safety concern and attempt to make a group decision. The umpire reserves the right to make the final decision without consensus from the Managers.
- Pitching Limits. No player may pitch in three games that occur on consecutive days, regardless of pitch counts. One “day” of rest in the chart below does not represent 24 hours. In other words, if a player pitches on Monday and throws 31 pitches, they will be allowed to pitch again on Wednesday. Pitch counts and rest will follow the guidelines below.

Weeks	Game Max	0 Days Rest	1 Days Rest	2 Days Rest	3 Days Rest
1-2	60	1-30	31-45	46-60	N/A
3-end	85	1-30	31-55	56-70	70+