

TYA Baseball – Majors Division

2023 Spring Season Rules

I. Game Limits

- Mercy Rule – The game is over if a team is losing by ten or more runs after having at least four at-bats (there is no per inning limit).
- Time Limit - No new inning may start after 1 hour and 55 minutes after the game begins. Weeknight games may end earlier due to darkness.

II. Pitching Rules

- A player can pitch a maximum of two innings (six outs) in any given game.
- A player can pitch no more than six innings in a week. This total includes pitching in Travel and any other leagues. A week is defined as any rolling 7 day period. An inning is defined as 3 outs. If a pitcher records no outs he is charged a minimum 1/3 inning.
- Once a player is removed from pitching he is not allowed to re-enter the game as a pitcher.
- If a player pitches in a game, he may only play the position of catcher for 3 innings.
- If a pitcher hits two batters in a single inning he must be replaced immediately. There is no maximum per game.
- The pitcher must be replaced upon a coach's 2nd mound visit to that pitcher in a single inning.
- Maximum Pitches allowed per day: 17 batters
 - Each batter faced will equate to 5 pitches regardless of the number of pitches thrown. The maximum number of batters that a pitcher can face in one game is 17. ($5 \times 17 = 85$). Batters faced will determine the number of days needed to rest before a player can pitch again.
 - If a player pitches 61 or more pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must follow. (Conversion – 13 or more batters)
 - If a player pitches 41 - 60 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must follow. (Conversion – 9 to 12 batters)
 - If a player pitches 21 - 40 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must follow. (Conversion – 5 to 8 batters)
 - If a player pitches 1 - 20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar days of rest must follow. (Conversion – 1 to 4 batters)
 - Rest rule is always enforced regardless of the calendar week starting again. Example- 41 - 60 pitches on Saturday, Sunday - rest, Monday - rest, and pitcher can pitch on Tuesday. NOT MONDAY!

III. Game Format

- 50/70
 - dropped third strikes (The batter becomes a runner when the third strike called by an umpire is not caught, providing (1) first base is unoccupied or (2) first base is occupied with two outs),
 - Infield fly rule is in effect
 - Leading is allowed

- Balks
 - Through the weekend of May 15, there will be warnings called and instruction provided on how to correct
 - Remaining games will be 1 warning to each pitcher and then balks will be called with runners advancing 1 base
- stealing (no limit; ...be a good sport...no stealing when up by 10 or more runs)
- Bat Rules – a) Only bats with USA Bat stamp
Or b) 2 ¼ inch diameter wood bats

IV. Other Important Items

- Limit to three coaches/adults in dugout area. If someone other than the three coaches is managing scoring (on GameChanger or with a paper scorebook), he should remain outside of the dugout.
Keep a GC scorebook (preferable) or a paper scorebook, if you do not use a scorebook and there is a dispute the dispute will be resolved in favor of the coach using the scorebook.
- Coaches warm up the prior to entering pitchers so the game doesn't drag.
- No cell phone usage during games except for scoring GC.
- Help with the fields before and after each game.
- NO FOOD in the dugout.
- Clean up the dugout when your game is over.
- On weekday evenings, coaches who finish a game or practice last are responsible for locking up bathrooms and making sure snack bar and storage rooms doors are locked.
- Everyone that shows up to the game is in the lineup and each player must play at least 3 innings in the field. HOWEVER, if a player shows up in the 4th inning because of lacrosse, music, soccer, etc. the player is not allowed to enter the game.
- The TYA Major League strike zone is legit – letters to knees covering the width of the plate (17 inches).