

Lancaster County Youth Baseball League Spring Rules Summary

National Federation of HS Rules Apply unless League specific (formerly 10U Sec 3)

updated 10/28/09

RULE	10U Sec 1	10U Sec 2	8U	12U Sec 1	12U Sec 2	12U Sec 3	14U Sec 1	14U Sec 2	14U Sec 3
League Specific Rules									
Base Path Distance	60 ft.	60 ft.	60 ft.	70 ft.	70 ft.	60 ft.	80 ft.	80 ft.	75 ft.
Pitching Distance	46 ft.	40 ft.	40 ft.	50 ft.	50 ft.	46 ft.	55 ft.	55 ft.	52 ft.
Game Length	6 Innings	6 Innings	6 Innings	6 Innings	6 Innings	6 Innings	7 Innings	7 Innings	7 Innings
Regular Season Complete Game, due to darkness, rain, etc	3 1/2 Innings if the home team is leading and 4 Innings if the away team is leading; games called prior to a complete game will be replayed in full								
Game Ties	Games can end in a tie, but extra Innings should be played as long as conditions permit as determined by the Umpire-in-charge								
Mercy Rule - game rule	10 runs after 5 Innings	10 runs after 5 Innings	10 runs after 5 Innings	10 runs after 5 Innings	10 runs after 5 Innings	10 runs after 5 Innings	10 runs after 5 Innings	10 runs after 5 Innings	10 runs after 5 Innings
Mercy Rule - Inning	9 batters with 10 run lead	9 batters with 10 run lead	9 batters with 10 run lead	9 batters with 10 run lead	9 batters with 10 run lead	9 batters with 10 run lead	9 batters with 10 run lead	9 batters with 10 run lead	9 batters with 10 run lead
100% Metal Bats size limitation	Max 2 1/4 barrel size and no weight/length drop limitation (ie -11, -10, -9, etc); The penalty for use of an illegal bat is the head coach is ejected and any related fine will be at the discretion of the league.								
Wood, Metal Wood, or Wood composite Bats size limitation	No barrel size limitation and no weight to length ratio limitation (ie -11, -10, -9, etc)								
Type of Cleats	Rubber	Rubber	Rubber	Rubber	Rubber	Rubber	Rubber	Rubber	Rubber
Infield Fly Rule	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Leads	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stealing 2nd, 3rd	Yes, after ball crosses plate	Yes, after ball crosses plate	No	Yes	Yes	Yes, after the ball leaves the pitcher's hand	Yes	Yes	Yes
Advancing/Stealing Home	Batter may only advance home when forced by a walk, a hit batter, or a play started by a batted ball. Stealing home is not permitted								
Courtesy Runners for Pitcher and Catcher	Voluntary at any time; same runner can not run for the pitcher and catcher during an inning; the runner must be a player who is not in the batting order at the time; if a team bats the entire line-up, the runner then must be the player that made the last out in the previous inning								
Head First Sliding Permitted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bunting Allowed	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fake bunt swing	No - batter out	No - batter out	No - batter out	No - batter out	No - batter out	No - batter out	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hitting Line Up	9, 10, or entire line-up of hitters; must use the entire game and both teams do not have to use the same								
Injured player's spot in hitting lineup and no replacement	If a team (except 8u and 10u Section 2) chooses to bat the roster in a game, an out is taken anytime a batter's spot is vacated in the line-up. This applies to injury, sickness, etc. No exceptions apply. For 8u and 10u Section 2, since the teams are required to bat the line-up, an out will not be taken for an injury or sickness, but an out in the batting spot will be taken for a player ejected from the game. For 8u or 10u Section 2, if the number of players batting falls below 9 players and out will be recorded for the players spot that was vacated to fall below 9 hitters.								
Batting Helmet Mask	Yes	Yes	Yes	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
Runner Helmet Mask	Yes	Yes	Yes	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
Free Defensive Substitution	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Defensive Line Up	9 fielders to start the game and 8 to finish or forfeit; 10th must be outfielder								
Field Playing Time Requirements	None								
Catcher hold 3rd strike	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Lancaster County Youth Baseball League
Spring Rules Summary

National Federation of HS Rules Apply unless League specific
(formerly 10U Sec 3)

updated 10/28/09

RULE	10U Sec 1	10U Sec 2	8U	12U Sec 1	12U Sec 2	12U Sec 3	14U Sec 1	14U Sec 2	14U Sec 3
Pitcher's Inning Per Week Limitations	12 innings per week, starting mid night Sat	12 innings per week, starting mid night Sat	8U	None	None	None	None	None	None
Pitcher's Game Limitations	9 outs per game and 2 appearances	9 outs per game and 2 appearances	9 outs per game and 2 appearances	None	None	9 outs per game and 2 appearances	None	None	None
Pitcher re-entry rule	Only starting pitchers can be re-entered into the game as a relief pitcher, regardless of whether he stayed in the field defensively or they are currently in the batting line-up.								
Balks	No	No	No	Yes, 1 warning per pitcher before June 1st; ball dead at time of balk	No	No	Yes, no warning; ball dead at time of balk		
Ejections & Fines	Any player, manager, coach, fan, who is ejected from a game by an umpire will be penalized \$50 and suspended for the next game on the 1st occurrence (players not fined); Penalties increase for additional occurrences; Fines are paid by the Organization of which the person ejected is a member; Organizations can decide whether to be reimbursed for the fine from the member who was penalized								
Infield Practice before game	Away team is provided the field for infield practice 15 minutes prior to the start of the game; Home team has the field prior to use by the away team								
Age cut-off as of April 30th of playing year	10 years old	10 years old	8 years old	12 years old; 10 year olds can be on roster but may not play unless less than (9) 12 year old players	12 years old; 10 year olds can be on roster but may not play unless less than (9) 12 year old players	12 years old; 10 year olds can be on roster but may not play unless less than (9) 12 year old players	14 years old; 12 year olds can be on roster but may not play unless less than (9) 14 year old players	14 years old; 12 year olds can be on roster but may not play unless less than (9) 14 year old players	14 years old; 12 year olds can be on roster but may not play unless less than (9) 14 year old players
Minimum Paid Umpires	Plate	Plate	No	Plate	Plate	Plate	Plate & Base	Plate & Base	Plate
Umpires Fees for partial games	If the umpire arrives at the game and the game is cancelled before starting, the umpire is entitled to 1/2 the umpire fee; the umpire has the discretion to return all or a portion of that 1/2 fee; once the game starts and two(?) complete innings have been played the umpire is entitled to full fee.								
Playoffs	Yes, 6 teams	No	No	Yes, 6 teams	Yes, 6 teams	No, but end of season weekend tournament for all teams	Yes, 6 teams	Yes, 6 teams	No, but end of season weekend tournament for all teams
Eligible for New Era Tournament	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
League Approved Baseballs	Wilson A1074 or Rawlings RLLB1; 2 balls provided by the home team at the start of each game								
Defensive Visits (Includes Pitcher Visits)	Will apply the Major League Rule. On the 2nd visit to the field by a coach or non-playing team representative in any inning, the pitcher must be replaced								
Games Results and Standings	Game results must be called in by the winning team to the Lancaster Newspapers by 9:00pm after each game. 717-291-8666. Standings will be tabulated by member volunteers and circulated periodically. A win is worth two(2) points, loss is worth zero (0) points, and tie is worth one (1) point in determining your standings; Teams that play cross over games with the Susquehanna League, those games count in your standings								
National HS Federation commonly misunderstood rules									
Catcher or Any Fielder Obstruction	The catcher or any fielder can not block access by the runner to a base without possession of the ball. If this rule is violated, the umpire has the right to award the appropriate bases to the runner								
Offensive Visits	Each offensive team is granted 1 charged conference per inning to permit the coach or team's personnel to confer with base runners, the batter, on deck batter or other offensive team personnel; any requests more than 1 per inning will be denied by the umpire								
Intentional Walk	An intentional base on balls may be granted by the defensive team coach or catcher upon request to the umpire to award the base without throwing four balls; it can be requested upon any count on the batter								
Catch and Carry Rule	Each runner is awarded one base, if less than two outs a batter hits a fair or foul ball which is caught by a fielder, who then leaves the field of play unintentionally with both feet or by falling into a bench, dugout, stand, bleacher, or over any boundary or barrier such as a chalk line, fence, rope, or pre-game determined imaginary boundary line								