

# Lancaster County Youth Baseball League

## Fall Rules Summary

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updated 8/3/10

RULE	10U Sec 1	10U Sec 2	12U Sec 1	12U Sec 3	14U Sec 1	14U Sec 3
<b>League Specific</b>						
<b>Base Path Distance</b>	60 ft.	60 ft.	70 ft.	60 ft.	80 ft.	80 ft.
<b>Pitching Distance</b>	46 ft.	40 ft.	50 ft.	46 ft.	55 ft.	55 ft.
<b>Game Length</b>	2 -five inning games is standard, but subject to both coaches modification based on outcome of game and length of time of game; modifications are the exception not the standard; 5 minute break between games					
<b>Game Ties</b>	Games can end in a tie, but extra innings should be played as long as time permits as determined by the Umpire-in-charge					
<b>Mercy Rule - game rule</b>	10 runs after 4 Innings	10 runs after 4 Innings	10 runs after 4 Innings	10 runs after 4 Innings	10 runs after 4 Innings	10 runs after 4 Innings
<b>Mercy Rule - inning</b>	9 batters with 5 run lead	9 batters with 5 run lead	9 batters with 5 run lead	9 batters with 5 run lead	9 batters with 5 run lead	9 batters with 5 run lead
<b>100% Metal Bats size limitation; Metal Composites</b>	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.				2 5/8 barrel only, and maximum difference between length and weight of bat is -3	Either 14U Section 1 rule or 10U & 12U rule
<b>Wood, Metal Wood, or Wood Composite Bats size limitation</b>	No barrel size limitation and no weight to length ratio limitation (ie -11, -10, -9, etc)					
<b>Type of Cleats</b>	Rubber	Rubber	Rubber	Rubber	Rubber	Rubber
<b>Infield Fly Rule</b>	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Leads</b>	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Stealing 2nd, 3rd</b>	Yes, after ball crosses plate	Yes, after ball crosses plate	Yes	Yes, after the ball leaves the pitcher's hand	Yes	Yes
<b>Advancing/Stealing Home</b>	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		Yes	Same as 10U	Yes	Yes
<b>Courtesy Runners for Pitcher and Catcher</b>	Voluntary for the pitcher or catcher; last batter out of the previous inning is the first runner in an inning; the second to last batter out of the previous inning is the second runner; in the first inning, the runner is the last batter in the order					
<b>Head First Sliding Permitted</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Bunting Allowed</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Fake bunt swing allowed</b>	No - batter out	No - batter out	No - batter out	No - batter out	Yes	Yes
<b>Hitting Line Up</b>	All players	All players	All players	All players	All players	All players
<b>Hitting spot vacated due to any reason</b>	An out is <u>not</u> taken for a batting order spot being vacated for any reason, except ejection from the game; Coaches should use good judgment and be fair if this were to happen; any player taken out of the batting order must be out of the game for both batting and fielding; if a player is ejected from the game that batting spot will be an out for the remainder of the game					
<b>Batting Helmet Mask</b>	Yes	Yes	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
<b>Runner Helmet Mask</b>	Yes	Yes	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
<b>Free Defensive Substitution</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Defensive Line Up</b>	9 fielders to start the game and 8 to finish or forfeit	9 or 10 to start game or forfeit; 10th must be outfielder	9 fielders to start the game and 8 to finish or forfeit	9 fielders to start the game and 8 to finish or forfeit	9 fielders to start the game and 8 to finish or forfeit	9 fielders to start the game and 8 to finish or forfeit
<b>Field Playing Time Requirements</b>	2 Innings	2 Innings	2 Innings	2 Innings	2 Innings	2 Innings
<b>Catcher hold 3rd strike</b>	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

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<b>Pitcher's Inning(Outs) Per Day</b>	15 outs per day	15 outs per day	15 outs per day	15 outs per day	15 outs per day	15 outs per day
<b>Pitcher's Appearance Limitations</b>	2 appearances per game or 3 per day	2 appearances per game or 3 per day	2 appearances per game or 3 per day	2 appearances per game or 3 per day	2 appearances per game or 3 per day	2 appearances per game or 3 per day
<b>Balks</b>	No	No	Yes, 1 warning per pitcher; ball dead at time of balk	No	Yes, 1 warning per pitcher; ball dead at time of balk	
<b>Ejections &amp; Fines</b>	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					
<b>Infield Practice before game</b>	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					
<b>Age cut-off as of April 30th of the following Spring playing year</b>	10 years old	10 years old	12 years old	12 years old	14 years old	14 years old
<b>Minimum Paid Umpires</b>	Plate paid by home team in 1st game and away team in the 2nd game; field umpire provided by home team in 1st game and away team in the 2nd game; home plate umpire fee of \$35 for each game					
<b>Umpires Fees for partial games</b>	If the plate 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; if the 1st game is played but the 2nd game is cancelled, no 2nd game fee is required					
<b>Playoffs</b>	None	None	None	None	None	None
<b>League Approved Baseballs</b>	Wilson A1074 or Rawlings RLLB1; 2 balls provided by the home team at the start of each game				Wilson A1010 or A1010HS or Rawlings R100 HS; 2 balls provided by the home team at the start of each game	
<b>Defensive Visits (Includes Pitcher Visits)</b>	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					
<b>Games, Results and Standings</b>	No records or standings kept; Home team is the home team for both games; Game are played on Saturday's and Sunday's generally starting at 1pm and no new inning after 4pm; If odd number of team's there could be triple headers or team's may have a week off; If a triple header, the home team plays the 1st and third game and the games are scheduled at 1pm, 2:30pm, and 4pm					

<b>Commonly misunderstood National Federation Rules</b>	
<b>Catcher or Any Fielder Obstruction</b>	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
<b>Offensive Visits</b>	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
<b>Intentional Walk</b>	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
<b>Catch and Carry Rule</b>	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 <u>both</u> 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