

# **BROKEN ARROW YOUTH BASEBALL**

## **RULES**

**SPRING LEAGUE  
SUMMER LEAGUE  
FALL LEAGUE**



# WELCOME



## **BAYB FIELDS AND OFFICE ARE LOCATED AT:**

**INDIAN SPRINGS SPORTS COMPLEX  
1203 WEST SHREVEPORT STREET  
BROKEN ARROW OKLAHOMA 74011**

**OFFICE HOURS M-F 10-4  
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**BAYOUTHBASEBALL.REC@WINDSTREAM.NET**

**RAIN-OUT NUMBER (918)203-3121**

## PARK RULES

- NO PETS ALLOWED IN THE COMPLEXES
- NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
- NO UNATTENDED CHILDREN
- NO PROFANITY
- FANS-PLEASE PLACE LITTER IN TRASH CANS
- WARM UP IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY (NOT THE PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS)
- ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE.
- DO NOT PARK IN THE HANDICAP PARKING UNLESS YOU HAVE A STICKER.
- DO NOT PARK IN THE DRVEWAY, OR BY THE FENCE BY THE LARGE BROWN BUILDING.
- NO PARKING ON THE GRASS
- BAYB is NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS OR INJURIES
- NO SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS, BIKES, ETC ARE ALLOWED WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE BALLPARKS
- NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES (GOLF CARTS, ETC)
- BAYB IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THEFT OR VANDALISM. KEEP VALUABLES LOCKED IN YOUR TRUNK OR DO NOT BRING THEM TO THE PARK
- SMOKING ALLOWED IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY.
- ANY COACH, PLAYER, PARENT, OR FAN CAUGHT VANDALIZING ANY PART OF THE COMPLEX WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY EJECTED FROM THE COMPLEX.
- COACHES & PLAYERS-PICK UP ALL TRASH FROM THE DUGOUTS
- COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIONS OF PLAYER, PARENTS AND FANS
- THE CONCESSION STANDS ARE YOUR FIRST RESPONSE FOR INJURIES AT THE BALLPARKS. BAYB HAS AED MACHINES ON PROPERTY. BOTH COMPLEXES WILL HAVE FIRST AID SUPPLIES AND ICE.

**RAINOUTS WILL NOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL 4PM**



**CALL: (918)203-3121 DO NOT CALL OFFICE LINE**

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### Lightning Warning!

You will be warned by Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System, which **sounds one 15 second blast of the horn signaling suspension of all activities.** A strobe light will begin flashing and remain flashing until safe conditions return. **ALL PLAYERS-PARENTS MUST LEAVE PARK AND TAKE SHELTER IN PARKING LOT.** YOU MAY RESUME ACTIVITIES ONLY AFTER THREE (3) 5 SECOND BLASTS OF THE HORN ARE SOUNDED AND THE STROBE LIGHT STOPS FLASHING.

## **OFFICIAL RULES OF BROKEN ARROW YOUTH BASEBALL RECREATIONAL LEAGUE**

### **Head Coach and Assistant Coaches Requirements and Information**

**Head Coach and Assistant Coaches who do not attempt to carry out the rules, policies, and intentions of this organization are subject to forfeiture of games, suspension, termination, fines, and\or probation as determined by the BAYB Board.**

**NOTE: Any member of the Board, Facility Head Coach, person, or persons who the Board of Directors may appoint or designate, shall have the authority to delay, cancel, or suspend scheduled games or games in process as they deem necessary.**

(1) The Board shall publish online the BAYB rules. A copy of the BAYB By-Laws will be available in the league office.

(2) Any player or coach ejected from a game shall be ineligible for the next scheduled game (including make-up) subject to Board of Directors review.

**(A) Any coach or adult spectator ejected from a game, must leave the playing field, and go to the asphalt parking lot within three (3) minutes and not reenter for the remainder of that day.** Any player ejected shall remain in his/her team's dugout for the remainder of that game and shall refrain from making personal remarks toward the umpires or other team.

(B) Persons ejected during games which are rained out and are not "official" shall sit out the next scheduled league game and the make-up game when applicable.

(C) Umpires are required to file a written report on the same day as the occurrence of an ejection of a player, coach, or spectator with a BAYB Board Member. BAYB will notify other interleague parks of any suspensions. If no written report is received the suspension for the next game rule shall not apply.

(D) Appeals of ejections must be in writing and filed by noon of the following day of the occurrence with any BAYB Board Member or submitted to the BAYB Office. E-mails are acceptable.

(E) Any coach, player, or spectator ejected two or more times during a season may be placed on suspension for the remainder of that season from our park.

(F) Escalation Prevention Rule: Upon the 2nd ejection of any person (player, fan, coach) from 1 team for any reason in the same game, the umpire will declare a forfeit against the offending team. This also will result in forfeiture of any remaining games to be played that day.

(G) Behavior outside of games that during games would result in ejections shall result in suspension from games as specified for ejections during games. A second ejection will invoke the Escalation Prevention Rule in (G) above and result in Forfeiture on the team's next game. Should a parent, grandparent, or coach be ejected outside of game play their immediate player (son, granddaughter) will not be allowed to participate in the team's next game (they may sit in the dugout).

(H) Any persons involved in physical assault (Fighting, punching, etc.) shall be suspended until reinstated by the BAYB board.

**(I) Head Coach is responsible for the actions of players and coaches. Umpires may eject the Head Coach for the actions of a player or coach if they feel the coach fails to gain control of their player or assistant coach.** If this occurs, the Head Coach is eligible to participate in the next game pending report and recommendation by umpires. This will not be considered a second ejection unless the Head Coach is ejected for a second offense/action.

**(J) Head Coach is responsible for the actions of fans, should a fan be ejected the team Head Coach is ejected as well.** If this occurs, the Head Coach is eligible to participate in the next game pending report and recommendation by umpires. This will not be considered a second ejection unless the Head Coach is ejected for a second offense/action.

**(K) Head Coach is responsible for the music content between innings and walk-up songs.** Music shall not refer to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, illegal drugs, or contain obscene or profane language. The playing of music will be limited to prior to the start of the game and in between innings only. No music will be allowed once an inning has begun. **The volume should be kept at a level that does not disturb other fields. League officials and umpires will have the right to ask teams to lower the volume level/turn off the music if it is disturbing other fields.**

**(3) Head Coach, team officials, and spectators must not razz, abuse, or embarrass players of his or the other team.** Players are not to razz players or cast slurring or personal remarks at the opposing team. The practice of yelling "cut", "strike", or "swing batter", or any other words that are designed to cause a batter to swing at a pitch, against his will, or the heckling of the opposing pitcher, in any manner, will not be allowed. The coach should strive to coach in such a way as not to distract the opposing pitcher in any manner. This is considered un-sportsman like conduct, against the rules, and is prohibited. Head Coach that do not attempt to secure order may be reported by umpires or other persons to league officials for further action.

**(4) Head Coach or other team officials will absolutely refrain from comments or actions that disparage the decisions of any UMPIRE before, during, or after the game.**

**(5) Head Coach, team officials, spectators, or umpires will absolutely refrain from making remarks about or threats of physical harm to any Head Coach, team official, spectator, or umpire.**

*PENALTY: Violators will be ejected from the game, game will be forfeited, and the violator will be suspended from coaching, scorekeeping, speculating, or umpiring the remainder of the baseball season and will be subject to review by the Board of Directors. In severe cases, the Board may issue fines, probation, or suspensions for a period to exceed one (1) year. The maximum fine is set at \$500.*

**(6) The use of foul or profane language is prohibited by Coaches, players, spectators, umpires, and Board Members.**

**(7) Tobacco**

The use of tobacco in any form in seating areas, dugouts, and playing fields is prohibited.

## **(8) Gun Policy**

BAYB will comply with all laws governing the possession and/or use of firearms applicable to the premises and shall require compliance from invitees, guests, membership, and users. This include 21 1277 (A)(1) that makes it unlawful for any person, including a person in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, to carry any concealed or unconcealed firearm into any structure, building, or office space which is owned or leased by a city, town, county, state or federal governmental authority for the purpose of conducting business with the public. Nothing contained herein shall prevent an individual from transporting or storing a firearm in a locked motor vehicle while parked in a BAYB parking lot or any property set aside for any motor vehicle. BAYB will comply with all laws governing the possession and/or use of firearms applicable to the premises and shall require compliance of same from guests, membership, and users.

## **(9) No Pets Allowed**

**Pets of any size or breed are NOT allowed at the Indian Springs Baseball Complex.** This is a City Ordinance that BAYB strongly upholds. If you are found at the ballpark with a pet, you will be asked to leave the playing area. This is for the safety of the players, fans, and your pet. Please do not bring pets to the ballpark.

- **Service Animals are allowed.** Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Examples of such work or tasks include guiding people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf, pulling a wheelchair, alerting, and protecting a person who is having a seizure, reminding a person with mental illness to take prescribed medications, calming a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) during an anxiety attack, or performing other duties. **Service animals are working animals, not pets.** The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person's disability. **Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA.**

(10) Head Coach is required to have one (1) person, either coach or player, in each coach's box while his team is at bat. Players must wear a regulation, safety approved batting helmet while in the coach's box.

(11) The Head Coach or Assistant Coaches of a defensive team must not delay the game to confer with a player or players on the field more than one (1) time during one (1) inning.

***PENALTY:** Should he/she delay the game a second time by conferring with a second player or players during one (1) inning, the player or players shall be removed from the game unless when such player is the pitcher, then he is removed from the mound. Violations of this rule must be determined before the next ensuing pitch. If a player is removed because of a violation of this rule, for re-substitution, refer to Player Re-substitution Rule. Insistence on the part of either Head Coach to delay the game or have conferences in any manner is considered grounds for the umpire to declare a forfeit.*

(12) After the Head Coach or Assistant Coaches have had one (1) conference with a player or players, and they enter the playing field for the purpose of removing a player or players from his position, or attending to an injured player, or for the purpose of making a substitution, it will in no way mean that the Head Coach or Assistant Coaches have had a second conference with his/her players.

(13) Head Coach is required to submit a line-up and roster to the opposing Head Coach before play is started. Substitutions must be reported to the plate umpire and opposing scorekeeper before being made.

**(14) Scorekeeping**

**Head Coach must have records of each game in a permanent bound official scorebook or mobile scorekeeping application.** This requirement is necessitated by the fact that he may be called upon to prove the eligibility of a re-substituted player or the eligibility of a starting or relieving pitcher. Failure to maintain such records may result in a team forfeiting games that they have won.

**(15) Head Coach shall meet at the pre-game conference with the umpires.** Additionally, upon request, any ineligible player and/or players who did not fulfill the Player Participation rule, during the last game, shall be named. At the discretion of BAYB, umpires may request that coaches present their coaching at this pre-game meeting.

**NOTE:** Calendar week shall be defined as Monday through the following Sunday.

(16) No recreational player shall be enticed, recruited, or otherwise approached in reference to playing for another team other than their assigned team after the draft and until Jun 30th of the current baseball season, without written permission from the player's respective Head Coach. The intent of this rule is to eliminate recruiting during the season and further is to be honored by ALL Broken Arrow teams, coaches, Head Coach, players, parents, and representatives, regardless of the team's participation within the Recreational and/or Open leagues.

**NOTE:** Upon protest and review by BAYB, the Head Coach is subject to forfeiture, suspension and/or probation. This rule is intended to include all tournaments but not summer/fall leagues.

**(17) Recreational Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches are required to obtain the BAYB Approved Certification for each season. Any coach not certified/sanctioned by an organization approved by BAYB will be suspended until they are, (meaning they cannot help coach).** BAYB may impose additional certification/sanctioning at any time. All coaches will have a yearly background check. Please refer to the Background Check Guidelines.

**(18) Head Coach shall allow no more than 4 certified coaches (including her/himself) on the field unless otherwise specified by rule.** All coaches shall remain within arm's length of the dugout entrance unless otherwise permitted by the rules of the game (coaches' boxes, trips to mound, conference called by umpire, etc.).

**(19) ALL COACHES shall attend the spring preseason coaches meeting,** failure to attend may result in fines, forfeiture of games, or suspension as determined by BAYB. The initial minimum fine is set at \$200.

**(20) Head Coach is to notify BAYB at least 72hrs in advance of scheduled game times should their team not be able to play. Teams that do not meet this rule are subject to a \$75 per game fine to cover costs of umpires, field preparation, and rescheduling. The fine must be paid within 48 hours, or additional penalties will be imposed.**

(21) All Head Coach must have a valid signed contract in place with BAYB on or before Feb 28th of the current year to be guaranteed a team for that year. All Coach contracts expire per the date stated on the contract.

**(22) Head Coach is responsible for their team parents and players adherence to the rules of BAYB. This includes the player eligibility rules and age limitations.**

**(23) Head Coach or assistant coaches representing the team must have their badge on file & be able to present it to the umpire at the pregame plate meeting. The official list of certified coaches for the season is on file at the BAYB office.**

Umpires will address the coach that attends the meeting. If no signed Head Coach or assistant coach is present with their certification card, the umpire shall declare a forfeit and rule 20 above will apply. The 15-minute grace period rule is in effect (i.e. Head Coach has 15 min after scheduled start time to produce proof of certification)

**(24) BAYB Fields are for game play only. Head Coach shall inform players and parents that pick-up games and practices are not allowed on fields. Coaches must find their own practice location or sign-up for a BAPS site through the BAYB Operations Head Coach, not Broken Arrow Public Schools.**

**(25) BAYB Head Coaches are to fully support and carry out the rules, policies, and intentions of this organization, or may be subject to forfeiture of games, suspension, termination, fines, and\or probation as determined by the BAYB Board.**

**(26) Head Coach is responsible for checking their team's schedule daily. Weather and other reasons occasionally require that the Board reschedule games. If a game is rescheduled and published 96 hours or more prior to its play date/time, Head Coach will not receive additional notice. If within 96 hours of rescheduled time Head Coach will be contacted by e-mail or phone. Rescheduled games are not negotiable. Teams are expected to play when scheduled/rescheduled.**

## **Background Check Policy**

*Overview Revised January 11, 2016*

**The City of Broken Arrow Parks and Recreation Department requires the following for background checks:**

**(1) National Criminal Background Check, (2) Social Security Verification, (3) Sex Offender Registry Check, (4) Mary Rippy Violent Crimes Registry Check, (5) Address Trace**

A person shall be disqualified and prohibited from serving as a coach or volunteer if the person has been found guilty of the following crimes: For purposes of this policy; Guilty shall mean that a person was found guilty following a trial, entered a guilty plea, entered a no contest plea accompanied by a court finding of guilt (regardless of adjudication), or received court directed programs in lieu of conviction.

### **SEX OFFENSES**

- All Sex Offenses - Regardless of the amount of time since the offense. Examples include: child molestation, rape, sexual assault, sexual battery, sodomy, prostitution, solicitation, indecent exposure, etc.

### **FELONIES**

- All felony Violence - Regardless of the amount of time since the offense. Examples include: murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, kidnapping, robbery, aggravated burglary, etc.
- All felony offenses other than violence or sexual within the past 10 years. Examples include: drug offenses, theft, embezzlement, fraud, child endangerment, etc.

### **MISDEMEANORS**

- All misdemeanor violence offenses within the past 7 years. Examples include: simple assault, battery, domestic violence, hit & run, etc.
- All misdemeanor drug and alcohol offenses within the past 5 years or multiple of such offenses in the past 7 years. Examples include: driving under the influence, simple drug possession, drunk and disorderly, public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia, etc.
- Any other misdemeanor within the past 5 years that could be considered a potential danger to children or is directly related to the functions of the applicant (including theft if the person is handling money).

**PENDING CASES** Individuals found to have pending court cases for any of the disqualifying offenses will be disqualified. If the disposition of the pending case does not meet the criteria for the disqualification as listed above, the individual would then be cleared and reinstated.

## **Rules for All Leagues**

### **(1) Games**

(A) Regular season games are not to be scheduled on Sunday. Rainouts, make-up games and /or any Tournament games may be scheduled on these days.

(B) Refer to the Major League rule 4.10, with the following exceptions: Games must start no later than fifteen (15) minutes after Official start time. Official game time shall be recorded immediately after the first pitch by the umpire's watch or his/her designated timekeeper except for the first game scheduled for the day. The first game scheduled for a field official start time is as scheduled provided umpires are present. See rule 4 below. Note: The 15-minute grace period is to ensure teams have enough players to start a game. Provided enough players are present and at least 1 signed and certified coach is present then the game is to start on time or be subject to forfeit.

**(C) Home Team is decided by the schedule for all Spring & Summer League games. Fall Ball (drop-dead game time) will use a coin toss to determine home team.**

### **(2) Scorekeepers**

The home team scorekeeper is the official scorer. Both scorekeepers are responsible for coordination and cooperation so that all scores, substitutions, outs, and pitcher's outs, etc., are recorded properly. Lineups SHALL be submitted with last and first names or first initial, and numbers.

### **(3) League Championships**

A Play-off game shall be scheduled should there be a tie for any league championship after all tie breakers have been applied. Tie Breakers (in this order): Head-to-Head, Runs Allowed in Divisional Games, Runs Allowed in Non-Divisional Games, Runs Scored in Divisional Games. These tie breakers may be amended by the age group coordinator or BAYB provided they do so in writing before the season begins.

### **(4) Regulation Games (Game time begins on the 1st pitch unless otherwise specified)**

**3&4 T-BALL** Each team will bat through the lineup (amount of players eligible for that game) in each inning. Upon completion of batting the line-up, the bases will be cleared, and sides will change.

#### **(A) SPRING LEAGUE**

##### **AGES 5U-18U: 7 RUNS PER INNING**

**Home Team is determined by the schedule.**

- 3&4 T-ball game time limit is one (1) hour or 5 innings
- 5U & 6U Tiger Ball game time limit is one (1) hour or 5 innings
- 7U time limit is one (1) hour and 15 minutes or 5 innings
- 8U time limit is one (1) hour and 15 minutes or 6 innings
- 9U – 12U time limit is one (1) hour and 30 minutes or 6 innings
- 13U- 18U time limit is one (1) hour and 30 minutes or 7 innings

**(B) SUMMER LEAGUE****AGES 5U-18U: 5 RUNS PER INNING****Home Team is determined by the schedule.**

- T-ball game time limit is one (1) hour or 5 innings
- 5U & 6U Tiger Ball game time limit is one (1) hour or 5 innings
- 7U time limit is one (1) hour and 15 minutes or 5 innings
- 8U time limit is one (1) hour and 15 minutes or 6 innings
- 9U – 12U time limit is one (1) hour and 30 minutes or 6 innings
- 13U- 18U time limit is one (1) hour and 30 minutes or 7 innings

**(C) FALL LEAGUE****AGES 5U-18U: 5 RUNS PER INNING****Home Team is determined by COIN TOSS**

- 1 hour/drop dead for coach pitch
- 1 ½ hours/drop dead for kid pitch

**NOTE:** A new inning shall officially start immediately after the third out of an inning is made for the home team. Official game time begins on the first pitch regardless of scheduled game time, except for the first game scheduled for the day. The first game scheduled for a field official start time is as scheduled provided umpires are present. A fifteen (15) minute grace period begins at scheduled game time or as amended by a board member or tournament director.

Note: in the case of makeup games or games threatened by inclement weather BAYB may alter game times to facilitate playing of all games; specifically, coach pitch may be reduced to 1 hour and all kid pitch may be reduced to 1 hour and 30 minutes.

**(5) Early Game Termination**

No game shall end before all innings have been played unless:

**(A) The game shall be considered an official and/or legally completed game if the time limit expires in the bottom half of the inning with the home team leading, regardless of number of innings played. A game is also legally complete when the losing team cannot tie or win because of the run limit rule per inning.**

**NOTE: It is the intent of BAYB to have the umpires stay for the required number of innings and/or full time limit in order to allow the recreational players to get as much playing time as possible. Judgment should be used by the Head Coach, coaches, & umpires to not allow the games to run beyond their scheduled game time.**

**(B) In case of early termination because of adverse weather, the losing team must have completed three (3) times at bat to be an official game for all leagues. League games terminated early because of adverse weather conditions that have not become Official, shall be rescheduled, and played from the point of suspension.**

**(C) Both coaches desire to terminate game upon game becoming an official and/or legally completed game.**

**(D) A game is legally completed when the last required inning is played, or the losing team cannot tie or win because of the run limit rule (recreational league) or the run rule has been reached in the open league.**

#### **(6) Ties at end of Regulation Game**

Games may end in a tie and will be recorded in the statistics as a tie. If needed, to determine a final place for trophies when two teams are tied, the tie breaker shall be head-to-head, runs allowed, runs scored. If more than two teams are tied, then the tie breaker shall be runs allowed, and then runs scored. In either case, if all efforts end in a tie, the determination shall be made by the Age Coordinator for that age group, with approval from the board.

#### **(7) Pitching**

BAYB does not have pitching limitations for recreational league. BAYB does use pitching rules for tournament play only. NOTE: Regardless of innings pitched, BAYB recommends that Head Coach, parents, and assistant coaches limit a pitcher's weekly game pitches (not including warmups)

<b>Age</b>	<b>Pitches per game</b>	<b>Pitches per week</b>
9-10	50	75
11-12	75	100
13-14	75	125

#### **(8) Protesting Games**

**(A) No protest shall ever be permitted on judgment decisions of the umpire.**

(B) Protests shall not be accepted unless umpires are notified at the time the play under protest occurs and before the next pitch is made or a runner is retired. Umpires shall have appropriate place of protest noted in scorebook.

(C) Any acceptable protest that a Head Coach desires to make must be made in writing to the Age Coordinator or the BAYB President within 18 hours, or by NOON of the day following occurrence and accompanied with a **\$100.00 cash deposit**. If protesting, you must notify the umpire immediately (upon violation and prior to next official pitch) so that the protest can be recorded in the official scorebook. If the protest is upheld the deposit will be refunded. Otherwise, the money will go into the general fund of BAYB.

**PENALTY:** The Board of Directors Protest Committee will determine the penalty on upheld protests.

(D) Appeals of Protest Committee rulings will be filed and accompanied by an additional \$100 deposit to be heard by the entire BAYB Board. If the appeal overturns ruling, deposit will be refunded. Otherwise, the money will go into the general fund of BAYB.

#### **(9) Protective Equipment**

(A) Helmets with full head and ear protection shall be worn while batting and running bases. Such helmets shall comply with all Federal and State laws including but not limited to safety inspection labels and safety warning labels.

(B) Pitchers and catchers shall wear protective cups. This rule is not mandatory for 8 & under.

(C) Any player in a crouched position warming up the pitcher on or off the playing field shall wear a face mask with appropriate throat protection.

**(D) The catcher for ages 5U-18U is REQUIRED to wear all appropriate protective gear including a catcher's helmet with facemask and either a built-in extended throat guard or a separately attached throat guard, chest protector, shin and / or leg guards.** Ages 12 and below must wear headgear with ear protection. No skull helmets in ages 12 and below.

#### **(10) BAT STANDARDS**

All bats must be marked 1.15bpf, BBCOR, USSSA or USA-stamped. No softball bats allowed.

- 5U-12U no weight restriction
- 13U (-8), (-5) or (-3)
- 14U must use BBCOR (-3) bats. If 13U teams are playing up to 14U they must also use BBCOR (-3)
- 15U – 18U bats must meet NFHS rule requirements (BBCOR ONLY)

**USABat (USA Baseball):** Standard for youth play (ages 5–14). These bats perform more like wood to ensure safety and consistent play.

**BBCOR (Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution):** Required for high school and college play (ages 14–18). These have a strict -3 drop weight and perform at a wood-like standard.

**USSSA (1.15 BPF):** Often used in "Travel Ball." These bats have more "pop" (trampoline effect) than USABat models.

**Sizing & "Drop" Guidelines:** The drop is the difference between the bat's length (inches) and weight (ounces). A higher drop means a lighter bat.

- Ages 5–9: Players usually use a light bat with a -10 to -13 drop to focus on swing mechanics.
- Ages 10–12: Stronger players often transition to a -8 or -10 drop.
- Ages 13+: Players transition toward the mandatory -3 drop required at the high school level.

#### **(11) Bat Throwing**

The first instance of bat throwing will be a warning to that team. The next instance may require the batter to be called out, dead ball, and all runners to return to the last base occupied before the occurrence. If, in the judgment of the umpire, the act was intentional, flagrant, or considered unsportsmanlike, said batter should be called out and ejected from the game. NOTE: This is a judgment call and cannot be argued or protested.

#### **(12) Footballing Prohibited**

Footballing is prohibited. Any player who, in the umpire's judgment, intentionally runs into a fielder or the catcher to dislodge the ball is automatically out. A flagrant violation by a player may cause said player to be ejected from that game and the following game. If the umpire judges that there is an act of malicious contact, or conduct, he shall immediately call "time", call the runner out, and then eject him. Ejected players would be ineligible for the following BAYB game. All runners would return to the bases occupied at the time of the infraction unless they scored or were put out before the infraction was called. If in the umpire's judgment the malicious contact was the cause of the defensive player, the same ejection rule will apply. The act of malicious contact supersedes the Obstruction Rule (see 7.06 of Official Rules).

#### **(13) Courtesy Runner Rule**

At any time, the offensive team may use a courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher of record the previous inning on defense. The courtesy runner must be a player not presently in the line-up. If no players not presently in the line-up are available, the courtesy runner shall be the player making the last batted out. The re-entry status of the courtesy runner, pitcher, and catcher shall not be affected by this

rule. If at any time, a courtesy runner is determined to be ineligible, a proper replacement pursuant to the rules (if available) will be used without penalty.

**(14) On Deck Batter**

The on-deck batter will always be in the on-deck circle behind the batter. NOTE: There shall be no on deck batter in age groups 8-year-old and under Recreational. EXAMPLE: Visiting team is occupying the 1st base dugout. While his team is at bat, the on-deck batter will always use the on-deck circle on the 3rd base side when the batter is right-handed. The 1st base side circle will be used when the batter is left-handed. This is to be used in all age groups during all games in BAYB. (Tournaments included)

**(15) Starting Pitcher**

If a pitcher (starter or relief) vacates the pitching position (is replaced by another pitcher) they may not return to the mound in that game.

**(16) Ball**

The official ball for all ages of BAYB and ISCB is the LEATHER nine (9) inch in circumference, five (5) ounce ball made by Diamond, unless otherwise specified. DOL-A or better balls are acceptable. All other balls are prohibited.

**(17) Field Dimensions**

- (A) Tee ball and Coach Pitch Shall be as defined in league specific rules.
- (B) 10 and Under. The distance between bases shall be sixty-five (65) feet. Pitching distance shall be forty-six (46) feet.
- (C) 12 and Under. Distance between bases shall be seventy (70) feet. Pitching distance shall be fifty (50) feet six (6) inches.
- (D) 14 and Under. Distance between bases shall be eighty (80) feet. Pitching distance shall be fifty-four (54) feet.
- (E) 15-18 HS Distance between bases shall be ninety (90) feet. Pitching distance shall be sixty (60) feet and six (6) inches.

**(18) Strike Zone**

The strike zone is that space over home plate, which is between the batter's armpits and the top of his knees when he assumes his natural stance. The umpire shall determine the strike zone according to the batter's usual stance when he swings at a pitch.

**(19) Automatic Out**

A game may be started and played with eight (8) players on a side. The last batting spot shall then be an automatic out. **Leagues which require ten (10) players; when only eight (8) players are present, only the last position shall be an automatic out, not two (2) outs.** NOTE: No automatic out will be accessed in ten (10) player leagues for fielding nine (9) players.

**(20) Team Sponsors**

Any team may have sponsors. Sponsor's name and/or logos may not be on uniforms (or otherwise displayed) unless approved by the board of directors.

**City Of Broken Arrow**

No signs shall contain advertising copy selling items that are not legally available to minors, including, but not limited to, alcoholic beverages (both "intoxication" and "non-intoxicating" as defined by Oklahoma Statutes) and tobacco products, nor shall they contain obscene or profane language, symbols, or pictures. BAYBA agrees that the term "obscene" as defined in Section 7-45 of the Broken Arrow Code shall be applicable with respect to all signs affixed under this license.

**CITY OF BROKEN ARROW CODES** *Sec. 7-45. - Obscene materials, performances, etc., are prohibited.*

**(a) Definitions.**

For the purpose of this section, the following words and terms shall have the meanings respectively ascribed: (1) Obscene means that to the average person applying contemporary community standards: (a.) The predominant appeal of the matter, taken as a whole, is to prurient interest, i.e., a shameful or morbid interest in sexual conduct, nudity or excretion; and (b) The matter depicts or describes in a patently offensive manner sexual conduct regulated under 21 O.S. §§ 1040.8 and 1045.75 et seq.; and, (c) The work, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

(21) Players shall wear shirts with sleeves during games. Tank tops and vests without sleeved undershirts are prohibited. Players will not participate until uniformed appropriately.

(22) Player ejections: See Rules for Head Coach and Assistant Coaches (2).

**(23) Boys and Girls may play in all age groups.**

(24) Major Leagues rules inherent to the Major League game are not enforced. This includes rules such as home team security, not mingling with fans, no advertising on uniforms, requiring dozens of baseballs, bases coaches must be in uniform, etc. The homerun minimum distance traveled [rule 6.09(d)&(h)] is also not enforced.

**(25) Protection from infectious diseases**

Any player who is bleeding, has an open wound, or has blood on his uniform, clothing, or body may not practice or participate further in a game until appropriate treatment has been administered; secretions on the body are covered or removed; lesions or wounds are covered. If the umpire considers the above can be done in a reasonable amount of time, the individual does not have to leave the game.

**(26) Use of players not officially registered in BAYB (not on team roster) will result in a game forfeiture for every game in which the ineligible player has played. A three-game suspension of the coach will be imposed on the team's next league games.**

(27) If present and operable, Doors to dugout are to be kept shut during play. If open and a ball hits it in live play this is ruled as obstruction or interference depending on the team's side at the time (offense or defense). Applicable penalties apply.

**(28) Summer and Fall League rules take precedence over applicable rules herein during those seasons.**

## **Rules for Spring Recreational Division**

### **(1) Teams**

(A) **Coaches:** A team shall have no more than (4) Four coaches with their relatives (if any) on his/her team.

(B) If a Head Coach leaves a team, a signed coach may retain player protection rights the following season. If the Head Coach and both coaches leave, a parent from that team may retain the returning team protection rights with Board approval. Note: the new Head Coach shall use rule 1C to protect new coaches' relatives not previously on the team.

(C) **Returning teams may protect two (2) additional players each year.** Both protected players may be any registered player.

(D) Team protected player lists are to be turned into BAYB by the date specified by BAYB.

(E) BAYB will accept recreational teams from other leagues or previous BAYB players/coaches that have combined to form a team, to register without being considered a new team with Board approval. Competitive or Club Teams must register one age group up.

### **(2) Player Pool and Team Placement**

(A) BAYB will maintain the player pool list and conduct a draft with the coaches to assign players from the Player pool to teams to assure an equitable number of players per team.

(B) **PLAYER POOL:** All non-protected players and players requesting to be placed in the draft pool.

(C) Any player who does not register prior to the last day of registration as specified by BAYB may not be placed on a team. Solely at its discretion BAYB may maintain the player pool open until enough players register to make a new team.

#### **Exceptions:**

(A) The Board may allow late registrations for the purpose of allowing a more equitable number of players.

(B) Players are not to change teams after assigned at the coaches meeting. BAYB may allow players to change teams with board approval only.

(C) The number of players per team shall be no more than 12, unless specifically approved by BAYB.

### **(3) Player Participation & Eligibility**

(A) During regular season play, **each player must start every other game (in which they are eligible) in a defensive position and must play defense every other inning for 3 consecutive outs or maximum runs allowed, unless due to injury or disciplinary reasons explained to the player and player parents.** Protest of a player participation or an illegal player may be made at any time during the season with proof from the official scorebook.

**PENALTY:** Forfeiture of game in which violation occurred.

(B) No recreational player may play in any other organized baseball program during the preseason and regular season. Tournaments outside BAYB REC are excluded provided the player has written permission from his Head Coach.

**NOTE:** A player is legal until he plays or participates in another program at which time the player would then become illegal. Further, if a player becomes ineligible as discussed above, said player would also become ineligible for Open play in BAYB.

**EXAMPLE A:** If a player is signed up and participates in BAYB Regular Season games, then it is proven to also have participated in another league during the same period, said player is ineligible in BAYB.

**PENALTY:** Upon protest, forfeiture of all BAYB games in which said player participated during the overlap period.

**EXAMPLE B:** If a player begins play in another league and leaves that team to sign up in BAYB before the player pool or draft, he/she is considered a legal player. Should said player return to play with the original team, that player would then become ineligible in BAYB.

**INTENT OF RULE:** To keep players, Head Coach, and parents from having to decide of which league they will play for during a conflict and penalizing the other team.

(C) Without approval from the Board, no player may participate in a league that is greater than one year older than the player's current age group. All BAYB players are required to provide BAYB with a copy of the player Birth Certificate by the end of registration.

**EXAMPLE:** A player who is 10 as of April 30th may play in the 11-year-old league but may not play in the 12-year-old league, without board approval.

### **Age-Based with Grade Exceptions Divisions:**

**3&4U Division-** Three-year-old players must reach age three (3) by May 1st of the current year to be eligible to play. Players who turn 5 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in Pre-Kindergarten-4. Also, any player turning 6 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 4u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

**5U Division-** Players who turn 6 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in Pre-Kindergarten. Also, any player turning 7 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 5u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

**6U Division-** Players who turn 7 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in kindergarten. Also, any player turning 8 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 6u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

**7U Division-** Players who turn 8 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 1st grade. Also, any player turning 9 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 7u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

**8U Division-** Players who turn 9 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 2nd grade. Also, any player turning 10 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 8u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

**9U Division-** Players who turn 10 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 3rd grade. Also, any player turning 11 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 9u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

**10U Division-** Players who turn 11 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 4th grade. Also, any player turning 12 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 10u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

**11U Division-** Players who turn 12 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 5th grade. Also, any player turning 13 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 11u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

**12U Division-** Players who turn 13 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 6th grade. Also, any player turning 14 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 12u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

**13U Division-** Players who turn 14 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 7th grade. Also, any player turning 15 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 13u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

**14U Division-** Players who turn 15 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 8th grade. Also, any player turning 16 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 14u eligible are eligible for this division regardless of grade.

**15U-18U Division-** Players who turn 19 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are a senior in High School. Also, any player turning 20 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 18u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

**All grade-based players must have a copy of their birth certificate, current report card, or official school ID with grade, or any official government document stating the grade.**

#### **(4) Eligibility for Games**

**(A) A Head Coach has the option of NOT using a player in a game if a player misses 50% of the scheduled practices from the last game until this game.** NOTE: If the Head Coach wishes to exercise the option above, he must notify his age representative or League President of such, prior to the game in which the player will not play.

**(B) A BAYB player who has missed one (1) week of practice without valid reasons must be warned in writing of potential for removal from the roster. A copy of each such warning shall be submitted to the BAYB Age Representative and League president. If two (2) weeks of practice are missed without valid reasons, the Head Coach, after the first warning, can remove said player from the team roster. Said player may petition the board to be reinstated.**

**NOTE: If the Head Coach wishes to remove a player from the roster, he/she must notify the age coordinator and Player representative or League President in writing of such.**

#### **(5) Batting Order**

Each eligible player on a team present to participate will be included in the batting order. The batting order will remain the same throughout the game.

(A) Late arrivals will be added to the end of the batting order.

(B) An injured batter in the box with a partial count that cannot continue shall be an out. If the injured player recovers, he shall return to his original batting position.

(C) A player leaving the game early will not automatically cause an out if the team still has the required number of players for the age group. (Refer to Rule 9)

**(6) Curveballs Prohibited** For age groups of **12 years and under**, all curveballs are prohibited. A curveball shall be defined as any breaking pitch with forced rotating motion and is a judgement call by the umpire. Please note that USA Baseball and BAYB discourage the throwing of breaking pitches until well after puberty. PENALTY: A ball will be called by the umpire and the rule explained to coach.

#### **(7) Steel Cleats**

Steel or metal cleats are prohibited for all recreational leagues of 12 years and younger. PENALTY: Offending player shall not participate until compliance with above rule.

#### **(8) Pitching Limitations**

**(A) BAYB does not have pitching limitations for recreational league.** NOTE: Regardless of innings pitched, BAYB recommends that Head Coach, parents, and assistant coaches limit a pitcher's weekly game pitches (not including warmups)

Age	Pitches per game	Pitches per week
9-10	50	75
11-12	75	100
13-14	75	125

#### **(9) Pinch Runner**

A player injured while running the bases such that a pinch runner is required will be allowed one such substitution per game. Scorekeepers and umpires will note substitute runners complete base running obligation (scores or is retired). Upon second event requiring a substitute runner for same injured player, pinch runner shall be allowed and injured player removed from game and not return. Substitute runners will be the last batted out.

## **3&4 TEE BALL RULES**

### **(1) Age Requirement:**

**3&4U Division- Players who turn 5 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in Pre-Kindergarten-4. Also, any player turning 6 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 4u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade**

**Note: Player must reach age three (3) by May 1st of the current year to be eligible to play but will not attain the age of five (5) by May 1st.**

### **(2) Uniforms**

Ball caps and shirts furnished by BAYB shall be worn during the games. Individual players' and sponsor's names are allowed above the number of the back of the shirts. A baseball pant must be worn.

### **(3) Coach Position**

Two defensive coaches are permitted on the field for instructional purposes. Coaches are not permitted to touch a live ball; however, they need to instruct players on the proper play to make. Offensive coaches are permitted in the coaching boxes and at home plate for instructional purposes and are not permitted to assist offensive players.

### **(4) Playing Field**

The distance between bases shall be sixty (60) feet. Double bases shall be used at first base with the infielder using the inside or field side of the bag and the runner using the outside or foul side of the bag on plays at first base. Misuse of the double base can be cause for the umpire to call interference or obstruction as the case deems. There will be a twenty (20) foot line drawn between 1st and 2nd base, 2nd and 3rd base, and 3rd base and home plate in the base path. If the runner has one foot beyond the line (in the direction of the next base) and the pitcher stops play, the runner is awarded the next base. If the runner has not passed this line, they are to retreat to the previous base. The pitcher's circle is ten (10) feet in diameter forty-six (46) feet from the back of home plate to the center of the pitcher's circle. The pitcher must have both feet in this circle until the ball is hit.

### **(5) Ball**

The official ball for all ages of BAYB and ISCB is the leather nine (9) inch in circumference, five (5) ounce ball made by Diamond, unless otherwise specified. DOL-A or better balls are acceptable. All other balls are prohibited.

### **(6) Regulation Game**

Games will be played in a very relaxed manner to provide every opportunity for the player to learn the fundamentals of baseball in an enjoyable environment. This is an instructional league. NO official score will be kept. NO official league standings will be kept. NO tournaments shall be held except for a possible post-season tournament. Teams will consist of eleven (11) to twelve (12) participants. Each team will bat through the lineup (amount of players eligible for that game) in each inning. Upon completion of batting the line-up, the bases will be cleared and sides will change. It is up to the discretion of the coaches if a runner will be removed from the base path once an out is recorded (remember this is an instructional league). Games shall last no longer than 1 hour or until five (5) innings have been completed whichever comes first. Participation awards will be awarded to all players. The number of games may vary depending on the number of teams in the league

#### **(7) Stoppage of Play**

Play will be stopped by the defensive team stopping the lead runner. As long as the play is not stopped, any runners may advance at their own risk. Any play made on any runner other than the lead runner will release the lead runner. Other runners may continue until the umpire determines that play has stopped by the defensive team and calls time.

#### **(8) Ball in Play**

When all defensive players are in position and ready the offensive coach at the plate removes the Tee to a safe location and the catcher moves into position. The batter will have three (3) swings to hit the ball. Players may continue to bat as long as they legally foul the ball regardless of number of swings. The ball is foul if it travels less than twenty (20) feet from home plate. An arch will be marked on the field defining this area. The ball is also foul if the batter hits the Tee with the bat causing the ball to fall from the Tee.

#### **(9) Defensive Players**

The defensive team will consist of the entire team eligible for play during the game with no more than six (6) players in the infield. The team must have at least eight (8) players to start a game and players shall be added, as they become available.

**(A) Catchers must be in full catchers gear.** If full gear cannot be obtained, catchers may begin each play in the dugout and only enter the field after the ball is hit.

**(10) Practices** No more than two (2) a week.

**(11) Tee** The tee cannot aid the batter in any way except to hold the ball. As examples the tee cannot have attachments which allow the bat to slide along a rail or contain visual swing aids. The Tee is to be placed directly over home plate and not moved in the batter's box to aid in ball placement during batting attempts.

## **5U TIGER BALL Rules**

Same as 7U except for the following:

### **(1) Age Requirement**

**5U Division- Players who turn 6 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in Pre-Kindergarten. Also, any player turning 7 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 5u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.**

(A) BAYB will strive to have 2 separate divisions based on age (5U and 6U division), however, this is dependent on the number of players and teams. **Summer League & Fall League may combine the two.**

**(2) Uniforms** The team is responsible for the organization and purchase of uniforms. Baseball pants & baseball cleats must be worn.

### **(3) Coach Positions**

**(A) Two defensive coaches are permitted on the field for instructional purposes.** The coaches shall be in the **outfield** and are not permitted to touch a live ball; however, they need to instruct players on the proper play to make.

**(B) Pitching distance** is set at 35 feet from the back tip of home plate.

**Foot Placement:** The coach-pitcher must start with at least one foot in contact with the pitching rubber while delivering the pitch.

**Penalty:** If the pitcher fails to maintain contact with the rubber, the umpire calls a violation. The defensive team then has the option to either:

-Accept the outcome of the play.

-Declare a "no pitch," resulting in a dead ball with no play recorded.

**Delivery:** The coach must throw overhand from a standing position.

**Interference:** If a batted ball hits the coach-pitcher, it is usually ruled a dead ball/no pitch, and the batter repeats the attempt.

**Obstruction:** Pitcher/Coach must also leave fair territory after the ball is hit in the direction of the least obstruction for the defensive field of play. Failure to do so may result in the batter being called out.

(C) An offensive coach may sit behind the catcher to aid in returning balls to the pitcher.

### **(4) Playing Field**

Distance between bases shall be sixty (60) feet. Double bases shall be used at first base with the infielder using the inside or field side of the bag and the runner using the outside or foul side of the bag on plays at first base. Misuse of the double base can be cause for the umpire to call interference or obstruction as the case deems. The pitcher's circle is ten (10) feet in diameter forty-six (46) feet from the back of home plate to the center of the pitcher's circle. **The pitcher must have one foot in this circle until the ball is hit.**

### **(5) Official Ball**

The official ball for all ages of BAYB and ISCB is the leather nine (9) inch in circumference, five (5) ounce ball made by Diamond, unless otherwise specified. DOL-A or better balls are acceptable. All other balls are prohibited

### **(6) Regulation Game**

Games will be played in a relaxed manner to provide every opportunity for the player to learn the fundamentals of baseball in an enjoyable environment.

(A) Scores and league standings will be kept. Games may end in a tie and will be recorded in the statistics as a tie. If needed, to determine a final place for trophies when two teams are tied, the tie breaker shall be head-to-head, runs allowed, runs scored. If more than two teams are tied, then the tie breaker shall be runs allowed, and then runs scored. In either case, if all efforts end in a tie, the determination shall be made by the Age Coordinator for that age group, with approval from the board.

(B) Teams will consist of ten to twelve (12) participants. The offensive team will bat until 3 outs are recorded or 7 runs, whichever occurs first.

**(C) Batting and total combinations of pitches and Tee attempts.**

**The Head Coach must throw a minimum of at least three (3) pitches to the batter.** The Head Coach may choose to allow the batter to make swinging attempts with the aid of a **batting tee (3 maximum)** after the mandatory pitches have been thrown. **If the batter does not hit fairly after 6 pitches/swings from the allowed combinations, they are out.**

(D) Games shall last no longer than 1 hour or until five (5) innings have been completed whichever comes first. The number of games may vary depending on the number of teams in the league.

**(7) Stoppage of Play**

**Play will be stopped by the defensive team stopping the lead runner.** If the play is not stopped, any runners may advance at their own risk. Any play made on any runner other than the lead runner will release the lead runner. Other runners may continue until the umpire determines that play has stopped by the defensive team and calls time. If the runner is attempting to advance (well off base and moving in the direction of the next base) and the pitcher stops play, the runner is awarded the next base. If the runner is not attempting to advance, they are to retreat to the previous base. This is a judgment call by the umpire and may not be appealed or protested at any time.

**(8) Ball in Play**

When all defensive players are in position and ready the pitcher coach will begin play by pitching or the offensive coach at the plate will place the ball on the Tee to begin play. (After the ball is in play the offensive coach removes the Tee to a safe location, and the catcher moves into position.) **The ball is foul if travels less than twenty (20) feet from home plate.** An arch will be marked on the field defining this area. The ball is also foul if the batter hits the Tee with the bat causing the ball to fall from the Tee.

**(9) Base Stealing** **Base Stealing Not Allowed.** A base runner may NOT leave the base until the ball is hit. **PENALTY:** Runner is out.

**(10) Missed Bases**

If a runner misses a base, the runner is to be called out after the ball is dead. Runner that misses home plate and leaves the field of play before the ball is dead will be out.

**EXCEPTION:** A runner attempting to touch a missed base shall not be out when the ball becomes dead unless he has touched the succeeding base.

**(11) Defensive Players**

The defensive team will consist of the entire team eligible for play during the game with no more than six (6) players in the infield (including the catcher). The team must have at least eight (8) players to start a game and players shall be added, as they become available. Defensive infield players must be positioned behind the player/pitcher at all times. **All outfield players must be positioned behind the base paths at all times.**

**(12) Umpires** The league will furnish one (1) umpire.

**(13) Practices** No more than two (2) a week

**(14) Tee** The tee cannot aid the batter in any way except to hold the ball. As examples the tee cannot have attachments which allow the bat to slide along or have visual swinging aids. **The Tee is to be placed directly over home plate and not moved in the batter's box to aid in ball placement during batting attempts.**

## **6U TIGER BALL Rules**

Same as 7 and under except for the following:

### **(1) Age Requirement**

**6U Division- Players who turn 7 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in kindergarten. Also, any player turning 8 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 6u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.**

**(A) BAYB will strive to have 2 separate divisions based on age (5U and 6U division), however, this is dependent on the number of players and teams. Summer League & Fall League may combine the two.**

### **(2) Uniforms**

**The team is responsible for the organization and purchase of uniforms. Baseball pants & baseball cleats must be worn.**

### **(3) Coach Positions**

**(A) Two defensive coaches are permitted on the field for instructional purposes.** The coaches shall be in the **outfield** and are not permitted to touch a live ball; however, they need to instruct players on the proper play to make.

**(B) Pitcher/Coach Pitching distance** is set at 35 feet from the back tip of home plate.

**Foot Placement:** The coach-pitcher must start with at least one foot in contact with the pitching rubber while delivering the pitch.

**Penalty:** If the pitcher fails to maintain contact with the rubber, the umpire calls a violation. The defensive team then has the option to either:

-Accept the outcome of the play.

-Declare a "no pitch," resulting in a dead ball with no play recorded.

**Delivery:** The coach must throw overhand from a standing position.

**Interference:** If a batted ball hits the coach-pitcher, it is usually ruled a dead ball/no pitch, and the batter repeats the attempt.

**Obstruction:** Pitcher/Coach must also leave fair territory after the ball is hit in the direction of the least obstruction for the defensive field of play. Failure to do so may result in the batter being called out.

**(C) An offensive coach may sit behind the catcher to aid in returning balls to the pitcher.**

### **(4) Playing Field**

Distance between bases shall be sixty (60) feet. Double bases shall be used at first base with the infilder using the inside or field side of the bag and the runner using the outside or foul side of the bag on plays at first base. Misuse of the double base can be cause for the umpire to call interference or obstruction as the case deems. The pitcher's circle is ten (10) feet in diameter forty-six (46) feet from the back of home plate to the center of the pitcher's circle. **The pitcher must have one foot in this circle until the ball is hit.**

### **(5) Official Ball**

The official ball for all ages of BAYB and ISCB is the leather nine (9) inch in circumference, five (5) ounce ball made by Diamond, unless otherwise specified. DOL-A or better balls are acceptable. All other balls are prohibited

#### **(6) Regulation Game**

**Games will be played in a relaxed manner to provide every opportunity for the player to learn the fundamentals of baseball in an enjoyable environment.**

**(A) Scores and league standings will be kept.** Games may end in a tie and will be recorded in the statistics as a tie. If needed, to determine a final place for trophies when two teams are tied, the tie breaker shall be head-to-head, runs allowed, runs scored. If more than two teams are tied, then the tie breaker shall be runs allowed, and then runs scored. In either case, if all efforts end in a tie, the determination shall be made by the Age Coordinator for that age group, with approval from the board.

**(B)** Teams will consist of ten to twelve (12) participants. The offensive team will bat until 3 outs are recorded or 7 runs, whichever occurs first.

#### **(C) Batting and total combinations of pitches and Tee attempts.**

**The Head Coach (Pitcher Coach) must throw a minimum of at least four (4) pitches to the batter. The Head Coach may choose to allow the batter to make a swinging attempt with the aid of a batting tee (2 maximum) after the mandatory pitches have been thrown. If the batter does not hit fairly after 6 pitches/swings from the allowed combinations, they are out.**

**(D)** Games shall last no longer than 1 hour or until five (5) innings have been completed whichever comes first. The number of games may vary depending on the number of teams in the league.

#### **(7) Stoppage of Play**

**Play will be stopped by the defensive team stopping the lead runner.** If the play is not stopped, any runners may advance at their own risk. Any play made on any runner other than the lead runner will release the lead runner. Other runners may continue until the umpire determines that play has stopped by the defensive team and calls time. If the runner is attempting to advance (well off base and moving in the direction of the next base) and the pitcher stops play, the runner is awarded the next base. If the runner is not attempting to advance, they are to retreat to the previous base. This is a judgment call by the umpire and may not be appealed or protested at any time.

#### **(8) Ball in Play**

When all defensive players are in position and ready the pitcher coach will begin play by pitching or the offensive coach at the plate will place the ball on the Tee to begin play. (After the ball is in play the offensive coach removes the Tee to a safe location, and the catcher moves into position.) The ball is foul if travels less than twenty (20) feet from home plate. An arch will be marked on the field defining this area. The ball is also foul if the batter hits the Tee with the bat causing the ball to fall from the Tee.

#### **(9) Defensive Players**

**The defensive team will consist of the entire team eligible for play during the game with no more than six (6) players in the infield (including the catcher). The team must have at least eight (8) players to start a game and players shall be added, as they become available. Defensive infield players must be positioned behind the player/pitcher at all times. All outfield players must be positioned behind the base paths at all times.**

#### **(10) Base Stealing**

**Base Stealing Not Allowed. A base runner may NOT leave the base until the ball is hit.**

**PENALTY: Runner is out.**

**(11) Missed Bases**

If a runner misses a base, the runner is to be called out after the ball is dead. Runner that misses home plate and leaves the field of play before the ball is dead will be out.

**EXCEPTION:** A runner attempting to touch a missed base shall not be out when the ball becomes dead unless he has touched the succeeding base.

**(12) Umpires**

The league will furnish one (1) umpire.

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No more than two (2) a week

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The tee cannot aid the batter in any way except to hold the ball. As examples the tee cannot have attachments which allow the bat to slide along or have visual swinging aids. The Tee is to be placed directly over home plate and not moved in the batter's box to aid in ball placement during batting attempts.

## **7U Coach Pitch Rules**

### **(1) Age Requirement**

**7U Division- Players who turn 8 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 1st grade. Also, any player turning 9 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 7u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.**

### **(2) Playing Field**

- (A) Distance between bases shall be sixty (60) feet.
- (B) Double bases can be used at first base. If used, the fielder shall use (touch) the inside base (one closest to 2nd base) and the runner shall use (touch) the outside base (the one furthest from 2nd base) on plays at first base. PENALTY: Misuse of the double base by a fielder or runner may be grounds for the umpire to call interference or obstruction.
- (C) When a team only has eight (8) players, the requirement of the defensive pitcher to be in the pitching circle until the ball is in play will be waived and he will be allowed to play one of the vacant fielder's positions.
- (D) The pitching circle will be 10' in diameter and the center will be 46' from the back of home plate. **Defensive pitcher will remain in circle until ball is in play. He/she can have one foot outside of the circle.**

**(3) Defense will consist of 10 players, with no more than six (including the catcher) players in the infield.**

**(4) Official Ball** The official ball for all ages of BAYB and ISCB is the leather nine (9) inch in circumference, five (5) ounce ball made by Diamond, unless otherwise specified. DOL-A or better balls are acceptable. All other balls are prohibited

### **(5) All Play Will Stop**

**(A) Play will be stopped by the defensive team stopping the lead runner.** If play is not stopped, any runners may advance at their own risk. Any play made on any runner other than the lead runner will release the lead runner. Other runners may continue until the umpire determines that play has been stopped by the defensive team and calls time. If a secondary runner is attempting to advance (well off base and moving in the direction of the next base) and the umpire stops play, the runner is awarded the next base. If the runner is not attempting to advance, they are to retreat to the previous base. This is a judgment call by the umpire and may not be appealed or protested.

**NOTE:** If in the umpire's judgment the lead runner is stopped (not attempting to advance by being off base moving toward the next base) and the ball is in the possession of an infielder play may be stopped.  
**(B)** When a fly ball is caught, time will be called when base runners return safely to their base of origin and are not attempting to advance.

**EXAMPLE:** Runners on 1st and third. Third baseman catches fly ball and holds lead runner (makes no play on runner at first). Runner that was at first base is between 1st and second and retreating toward 1st (did not tag up) before play would normally be stopped. Runner shall return to first base and the batter is out.

**NOTE:** Clarification of caught fly ball does not affect the play on a runner that has legally tagged up and started for the next base.

**(6) The batter shall receive a maximum of six (6) overhand pitches or three (3) swinging strikes. (The bat is extended if the last pitch is hit foul)**

## **(7) Pitcher/Coach Position**

**(A)**The pitcher/coach shall position himself along a line between home plate and second base. Maximum distance to be forty-six (46) feet with a minimum of forty (40) feet. The pitching circle will be 10' in diameter and the center will be 46' from the back of home plate. Pitcher/coach must be standing in an upright position and always deliver an overhand throw to every batter.

**(B)** Pitching distance is set at 35 feet from the back tip of home plate.

**Foot Placement:** The coach-pitcher must start with at least one foot in contact with the pitching rubber while delivering the pitch.

**Penalty:** If the pitcher fails to maintain contact with the rubber, the umpire calls a violation. The defensive team then has the option to either:

- Accept the outcome of the play.
- Declare a "no pitch," resulting in a dead ball with no play recorded.

**Delivery:** The coach must throw overhand from a standing position.

**Interference:** If a batted ball hits the coach-pitcher, it is usually ruled a dead ball/no pitch, and the batter repeats the attempt.

**Obstruction:** Pitcher/Coach must also leave fair territory after the ball is hit in the direction of the least obstruction for the defensive field of play. Failure to do so may result in the batter being called out.

**(C)** The Head Coach may let a certified coach or a team parent pitch (**only if the parent maintains all certifications required of a coach and is wearing the certification card.**)

## **(8) Coaching the Fielders**

Fielders may be coached from the dugout area only. Defense consists of 10 players with no more than six (including the catcher) players in the infield. See Head Coach and Coaches Requirements Rule 17. Exception: If a coach is positioned behind the catcher to help retrieve missed pitches he shall not give directions to his team.

PENALTY: Violation of this rule is considered unsportsmanlike conduct and violator is subject to ejection from game.

## **(9) Coaching the Baserunners**

Baserunners may be coached from the dugout and base coach box only. Pitcher/coach may not talk to the baserunners until pitcher/coach leaves fair territory. Pitcher/coach may only talk to the batter before each pitch is to be made. PENALTY: Runner is out.

## **(10) Base Stealing**

Base Stealing Not Allowed. A base runner may NOT leave the base until the ball is hit. PENALTY: Runner is out.

## **(11) Missed Bases**

If a runner misses a base, the runner is to be called out after the ball is dead. Runner that misses home plate and leaves the field of play before the ball is dead will be out.

**EXCEPTION:** A runner attempting to touch a missed base shall not be out when the ball becomes dead unless he has touched the succeeding base.

## **8U Coach Pitch Rules**

### **(1) Age Requirement**

**8U Division-** Players who turn 9 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 2nd grade. Also, any player turning 10 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 8u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

### **(2) Playing Field**

(A) Distance between bases shall be sixty (60) feet.

(B) Double bases can be used at first base. If used, the fielder shall use (touch) the inside base (one closest to 2nd base) and the runner shall use (touch) the outside base (the one furthest from 2nd base) on plays at first base. PENALTY: Misuse of the double base by a fielder or runner may be grounds for the umpire to call interference or obstruction.

(C) When a team only has eight (8) players, the requirement of the defensive pitcher to be in the pitching circle until the ball is in play will be waived and he will be allowed to play one of the vacant fielder's positions.

(D) The pitching circle will be 10' in diameter and the center will be 46' from the back of home plate. Defensive pitcher will remain in circle until ball is in play. He/she can have one foot outside of the circle.

(3) Defense will consist of 10 players, with no more than six (including the catcher) players in the infield.

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### **(5) All Play Will Stop**

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*NOTE: If in the umpire's judgment the lead runner is stopped (not attempting to advance by being off base moving toward the next base) and the ball is in the possession of an infielder play may be stopped.*

(B) When a fly ball is caught, time will be called when base runners return safely to their base of origin and are not attempting to advance.

EXAMPLE: Runners on 1st and third. Third baseman catches fly ball and holds lead runner (makes no play on runner at first). Runner that was at first base is between 1st and second and retreating toward 1st (did not tag up) before play would normally be stopped. Runner shall return to first base and the batter is out.

*NOTE: Clarification of caught fly ball does not affect the play on a runner that has legally tagged up and started for the next base.*

**(6) The batter shall receive a maximum of six (6) overhand pitches or three (3) swinging strikes. (The bat is extended if the last pitch is hit foul)**

**(7) Pitcher/Coach Position**

**(A) The pitcher/coach shall position himself along a line between home plate and second base. Maximum distance to be forty-six (46) feet with a minimum of forty (40) feet. The pitching circle will be 10' in diameter and the center will be 46' from the back of home plate.**

**(B) Pitching distance** is set at 35 feet from the back tip of home plate.

**Foot Placement:** The coach-pitcher must start with at least one foot in contact with the pitching rubber while delivering the pitch.

**Penalty:** If the pitcher fails to maintain contact with the rubber, the umpire calls a violation. The defensive team then has the option to either:

-Accept the outcome of the play.

-Declare a "no pitch," resulting in a dead ball with no play recorded.

**Delivery:** The coach must throw **overhand from a standing position**.

**Interference:** If a batted ball hits the coach-pitcher, it is usually ruled a dead ball/no pitch, and the batter repeats the attempt.

**Obstruction:** Pitcher/Coach must also leave fair territory after the ball is hit in the direction of the least obstruction for the defensive field of play. Failure to do so may result in the batter being called out.

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**(8) Coaching the Fielders**

Fielders may be coached from the dugout area only. Defense consists of 10 players with no more than six (including the catcher) players in the infield. See Head Coach and Coaches Requirements Rule 17.

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Baserunners may be coached from the dugout and base coach box only. Pitcher/coach may not talk to the baserunners until pitcher/coach leaves fair territory. Pitcher/coach may only talk to the batter before each pitch is to be made. **PENALTY:** Runner is out.

**(10) Base Stealing** Base Stealing Not Allowed. A base runner may NOT leave the base until the ball is hit. **PENALTY:** Runner is out.

**(11) Missed Bases**

If a runner misses a base, the runner is to be called out after the ball is dead. Runner that misses home plate and leaves the field of play before the ball is dead will be out.

**EXCEPTION:** A runner attempting to touch a missed base shall not be out when the ball becomes dead unless he has touched the succeeding base.

## 9U Kid Pitch Rules

### **(1) Age Requirement:**

**9U Division-** Players who turn 10 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 3rd grade. Also, any player turning 11 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 9u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

**10U Division-** Players who turn 11 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 4th grade. Also, any player turning 12 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 10u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

### **(2) Playing Field**

(A) Distance between bases shall be sixty-five (65) feet.

**(B) Defensive team shall consist of 10 players, and all eligible players will bat.**

(C) Pitching Distance shall be forty-six (46) feet.

### **(3) Pitching limitations**

**BAYB does not have pitching limitations for recreational league.** BAYB does use pitching rules for tournament play only.

**NOTE: Regardless of innings pitched, BAYB recommends that Head Coach, parents, and assistant coaches limit a pitcher's weekly game pitches (not including warmups)**

Age	Pitches per game	Pitches per week
9-10	50	75
11-12	75	100
13-14	75	125

### **(4) Play**

Games will be played per the Major League Official Baseball Rules as modified by the BAYB Rules (See previous sections).

**(A)Rules for leading off, stealing, running some on pass balls, infield fly, balks, etc. are enforced per this rulebook and the Major League Rules. The dropped third strike rule is NOT in effect for 9U recreational leagues.**

**OFFICIAL BALL** The official ball for all ages of BAYB and ISCB is the leather nine (9) inch in circumference, five (5) ounce ball made by Diamond, unless otherwise specified. DOL-A or better balls are acceptable. All other balls are prohibited

## **10U Kid Pitch Rules**

### **(1) Age Requirement:**

**10U Division- Players who turn 11 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 4th grade. Also, any player turning 12 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 10u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.**

### **(2) Playing Field**

- (A) Distance between bases shall be sixty-five (65) feet.
- (B) Defensive team shall consist of 10 players and all eligible players will bat.
- (C) Pitching Distance shall be forty-six (46) feet.

### **(3) Pitching limitations**

BAYB does not have pitching limitations for recreational league. BAYB does use pitching rules for tournament play only.

**NOTE: Regardless of innings pitched, BAYB recommends that Head Coach, parents, and assist coaches limit a pitcher's weekly game pitches (not including warmups)**

Age	Pitches per game	Pitches per week
9-10	50	75
11-12	75	100
13-14	75	125

### **(4) Play**

**Games will be played per the Major League Official Baseball Rules as modified by the BAYB Rules (See previous sections).**

**(A)Rules for dropped third strike, leading off, stealing, running some on pass balls, infield fly, balks, etc. are enforced per this rulebook and the Major League Rules.**

### **(5) OFFICIAL BALL**

**The official ball for all ages of BAYB and ISCB is the leather nine (9) inch in circumference, five (5) ounce ball made by Diamond, unless otherwise specified. DOL-A or better balls are acceptable. All other balls are prohibited**

## 11U Kid Pitch Rules

### (1) Age Requirements

**11U Division-** Players who turn 12 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 5th grade. Also, any player turning 13 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 11u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

**12U Division-** Players who turn 13 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 6th grade. Also, any player turning 14 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 12u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

### (2) Playing Field

- (A) Distance between bases shall be seventy (70) feet.
- (B) Defensive team shall consist of 9 players and all eligible players will bat.
- (C) Pitching Distance shall be fifty (50) feet.

### (3) Pitching limitations

**BAYB does not have pitching limitations for recreational league.** BAYB does use pitching rules for tournament play only.

**NOTE:** Regardless of innings pitched, BAYB recommends that Head Coach, parents, and coaches limit a pitcher's weekly game pitches (not including warmups)

Age	Pitches per game	Pitches per week
9-10	50	75
11-12	75	100
13-14	75	125

### (4) Play

Games will be played per the Major League Official Baseball Rules as modified by the BAYB Rules (See previous sections).

**(A)**Rules for leading off, stealing, running home on pass balls, dropped third strike, infield fly, balks, etc. are enforced per this rulebook and the Major League Rules.

**OFFICIAL BALL** The official ball for all ages of BAYB and ISCB is the leather nine (9) inch in circumference, five (5) ounce ball made by Diamond, unless otherwise specified. DOL-A or better balls are acceptable. All other balls are prohibited

## 12U Kid Pitch Rules

### **(1) Age Requirements**

**12U Division- Players who turn 13 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 6th grade. Also, any player turning 14 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 12u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.**

### **(2) Playing Field**

- (A) Distance between bases shall be seventy (70) feet.
- (B) Defensive team shall consist of 9 players and all eligible players will bat.
- (C) Pitching Distance shall be fifty (50) feet.

### **(3) Pitching limitations**

**BAYB does not have pitching limitations for recreational league. BAYB does use pitching rules for tournament play only.**

**NOTE: Regardless of innings pitched, BAYB recommends that Head Coach, parents, and assistant coaches limit a pitcher's weekly game pitches (not including warmups)**

Age	Pitches per game	Pitches per week
9-10	50	75
11-12	75	100
13-14	75	125

### **(4) Play**

Games will be played per the Major League Official Baseball Rules as modified by the BAYB Rules (See previous sections).

**(A)Rules for leading off, stealing, running home on pass balls, dropped third strike, infield fly, balks, etc. are enforced per this rulebook and the Major League Rules.**

**OFFICIAL BALL** The official ball for all ages of BAYB and ISCB is the leather nine (9) inch in circumference, five (5) ounce ball made by Diamond, unless otherwise specified. DOL-A or better balls are acceptable. All other balls are prohibited

## **13U and 14U Year-Old Rules**

### **(1) Age Requirements**

**13U Division-** Players who turn 14 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 7th grade. Also, any player turning 15 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 13u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

**14U Division-** Players who turn 15 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 8th grade. Also, any player turning 16 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 14u eligible are eligible for this division regardless of grade.

### **(2) Playing Field**

- (A) Distance between bases shall be eighty (80) feet.
- (C) Defensive team shall consist of 9 players and all eligible players will bat.
- (C) Pitching Distance shall be fifty-four (54) feet.

### **(3) Pitching limitations**

**BAYB does not have pitching limitations for recreational league.** BAYB does use pitching rules for tournament play only.

**NOTE:** Regardless of innings pitched, BAYB recommends that Head Coach, parents, and coaches limit a pitcher's weekly game pitches (not including warmups)

Age	Pitches per game	Pitches per week
9-10	50	75
11-12	75	100
13-14	75	125

### **(4) Play**

Games will be played per the Major League Official Baseball Rules as modified by the BAYB Rules (See previous sections).

**(A)Rules for leading off, stealing, running home on pass balls, dropped third strike, infield fly, balks, etc. are enforced per this rulebook and the Major League Rules.**

**OFFICIAL BALL** The official ball for all ages of BAYB and ISCB is the leather nine (9) inch in circumference, five (5) ounce ball made by Diamond, unless otherwise specified. DOL-A or better balls are acceptable. All other balls are prohibited

## **15U-18U High School Rules**

### **(1) Age Requirements**

15U -18U Division- Players who turn 19 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are a senior in High School. Also, any player turning 20 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 18u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

### **(2) Playing Field**

- (A) Distance between bases shall be ninety (90) feet.
- (B) Defensive team shall consist of 9 players and coaches retain the choice of all eligible players will bat, only 9 players bat, or use of an extra hitter.
- (C) Pitching Distance shall be sixty (60) feet and six (6) inches.

### **(3) Pitching limitations**

**BAYB does not have pitching limitations for recreational league.** BAYB does use pitching rules for tournament play only.

**NOTE:** Regardless of innings pitched, BAYB recommends that Head Coach, parents, and coaches limit a pitcher's weekly game pitches (not including warmups)

Age	Pitches per game	Pitches per week
9-10	50	75
11-12	75	100
13-14	75	125

### **(4) Play**

Games will be played per the Major League Official Baseball Rules as modified by the BAYB/ISCB Rules. Rules for leading off, stealing, running home on pass balls, dropped third strike, infield fly, balks, etc. are enforced per this rulebook and the Major League Rules.

The 15U-18U allows teams to be selected/established and then remaining players may be obtained through a draft.

**(5)** BAYB, solely at its discretion, may hold a coaches meeting to amend the rules of this league. The intent of such a meeting would be to include coaches input into the rules of the league to foster better competition and standardize rules interpretations.

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