

# FAIRFIELD YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

## 2012 COACH PITCH RULES

### BEGINNING OF YEAR

There shall be no score kept

No league standings

No hit sticks are allowed to be used once your game starts, this includes inside and outside the fence, if you use hit stick before your game use it away from other people and players

All players must wear FYBA issued hats and shirts to play.

No shorts are allowed

Shirts must be tucked in

No jewelry allowed

No rain outs shall be rescheduled unless teams play less than 14 games

### GAMES

Shall be 6 innings

### WEEKDAY GAMES

Games shall start at 6:00 with no new inning starting after 7:15 , with a "drop dead time of 7:30.

On the nights with 2 games schedule on each field:

1st game shall start at 5:30 with no new inning starting after 6:45, with a "drop dead" time of 6:59.

2nd game shall start at 7:00 (or as close as possible, allowing 1<sup>st</sup> game's teams to clear the field) with no new inning starting after 8:15 (day light permitting)

### WEEKEND GAMES

Shall start no earlier than 10:00, and no new inning may start after 1 hour 15 min, with a "drop dead" time off 1 hour 30 minutes

### HOME TEAM

Shall be team listed 1st on schedule, shall provide game ball and bat 2nd, and use 1st base dugout

### VISTING TEAM

Shall bat 2nd and use 3rd base dugout

### UMPIRES

The league shall not provide umpires

1st base coach shall umpire 1st base

3rd base coach shall umpire 3rd base

Pitching coach shall umpire 2nd base and home plate

Umpires may confer which other and with both teams

No arguing- teach the players good sportsmanship

Pitching coach shall be on rubber at start of his delivery to home plate, and shall make every attempt to not interfere with play, pitching distance shall be 46 ft, and pitch must be delivered over hand and from a standing position (NO kneeling).

Bats shall be 2 1/4 inch barrel, no big barrel bats, no composite bats

Have catcher ready to go to speed up the game, catcher must wear catcher's mask, chest protector, shin guards, and protective cup; he may use a catcher's mitt or fielder's glove

The fielding positions shall be 4 outfielders and the infield shall consist of, catcher, 1st baseman, 2nd baseman, short stop and 3rd baseman

Must have 9 players to start a game

### PLAYING TIME:

Each player is entitled to be scheduled to play in the infield. All players must play

1/2 of game in infield if time allows. All players shall have played infield by the

2nd inning, if the number of players you have prohibits this then no later than the 3rd inning. There shall be no exceptions to this rule during the regular season.

Follow all regular baseball rules as covered in the Cal Ripken rule book unless otherwise stated in this memo

No on deck batter

9 batters per inning or 3 out whichever comes 1st

No walks

No bunting

Fielding team shall provide a coach to back up the catcher to retrieve passed balls to speed up the game, once ball is in play he must not interfere with play

Defensive coaches: there shall be a coach backing up the catcher, and up to two coaches may be used in the outfield. Once we reach the midseason rule changes, only one may be used and teams must be down to no defensive coaches by their last regular season game. The end of year tournament will not allow defensive coaches (other than to back up the catcher)

No head 1st slides this shall be an out, NO exceptions

Player playing Pitchers position must be within 5 feet of the rubber before and during the delivery of the pitch

## BATTERS

Every batter shall wear a helmet from time they leave dugout until they return to the dugout. Any player removing helmet while on field (unless inning is over) shall receive 1 warning, if same player does it again his next at bat shall be an out, and every at bat after that during the same game- this is for safety

Batter shall receive no more than 7 pitches- 4 swings are an out even if 4th swing is fouled off, if ball is not put into play on 7th pitch it is an out even if fouled off.

Ball hit over fence is a home run, a ball that gets stuck or goes thru fence is a ground rule double, ball that hits the pitching coach is a ground rule "dead ball" single. If any coach is hit by a thrown ball from an infielder it is a "dead ball" runners are entitled to the base they are on or if more than half way the base they are going to, if open

Batting team shall notify fielding team when 9th batter comes to plate. There shall automatically be 2 outs. If ball is put into play the batter and all runners may run until the catcher, and only the catcher, while in possession of the ball touches home plate for the 3rd out.

## RUNNERS

May not lead off or steal, 1 warning shall be given per team, after that it shall be an out

Ball hit into infield shall be a single, if stopped or touched by an infielder.

Any ball hit to the outfield is a live ball until returned to the infield. An infielder while in possession of the ball may then call time out. When time has been called, all runners may advance to the next base if more than 1/2 way to that base if it is open. If less than 1/2 way they must return to the base they just left.

No outfielder may call time out or make a play in the infield. Infielder must be in the infield when he asks for time out.

Any batter or runner may be tagged or forced out while the ball is "live", all outs shall result in a "dead ball" time out after play is made- same rules apply as infielder calling time out.

Any over thrown ball at 1st base or 3rd base shall allow all runners to advance 1 base. Even if there are 2 over throws on the same play, runner may still only advance 1 base. Any ball that goes out of play allows runners to advance the base they are going to plus one extra base

A batter throwing a bat shall, result in the player being issued a warning, if he throws it again at any time during the rest of the game he is out, if he throws it a 3rd time he shall be removed from the game for safety reasons, and his at bat shall be skipped with no out issued for him not batting.

## RULES CHANGES BEGINNING MID SEASON

CHANGES SHALL GO INTO EFFECT- SATURDAY MAY 19th

Score will be kept

You will go from 7 pitches to 5 pitches; 4 swings is a strike out even if the 4<sup>th</sup> swing is fouled off; no walks; if 5th pitch is fouled off batter is out; if batter is hit by 5th pitch he is allowed 1 more pitch.

There is no infield single rule- infielder must catch ball or stop ball and call time out or make a play on a runner and record an out to stop play

#### DEFENSIVE COACHES

Teams must be down to one outfield coach. By your last regular season game, no defensive coaches will be permitted, other than to back up the catcher.

#### 7 RUN MERCY RULE

During innings 1 thru 5 you bat till you get 3 outs or 7 runs whichever comes 1st.

If a home run is hit that results in more than 7 runs you still only get credit for 7 runs.

During 6th inning there will be no mercy rule so if your team is behind they may come back and win the game.

#### RUN RULES

If after 4 innings losing team is behind by 15 runs game is over

If after 5 innings if losing team is behind by 12 runs game is over

These are in place to make this league more competitive, to prepare players moving up next year to the higher level of play. These are the rules we will use during our league tournament, and rules close to what most all-star tournaments use.

#### TOURNAMENTS

There will be a season ending regular season tournament, it shall be 1 loss and seeding will be done by me via blind draw. There will be no time limits on these games. There are no extra trophies for this tournament, unless all teams want to contribute for 1st and 2nd place trophies. There will be an FYBA umpire for the championship game only

#### ALL-STARS

There is no guarantee that there will be all-star teams or a tournament at FYBA. (I am hoping to host a tournament over the week end of July 13-15). If we have all-star teams, FYBA shall field no more than 4 teams. Mangers shall be asked at a later date who is interested in coaching an all-star team. Mangers will also be asked to submit your 2 or 3 best player's names to me. This means the best players, not your son, your coach's son, your friend's son, or your son's best friend unless they are the best 2 or 3 players on your team. If too many names are submitted I will ask mangers to shorten the list. I will distribute the players to each team. Fees paid by players to play on the all-star team will cover cost to play in the tournament. This cost will be determined at a later date and will be kept as low as possible. We do not want to make a profit; we want kids to be able to play.