

Lorain Youth Baseball

2011 Rules

1. Batting

A. In the major and minor league a continuous batting order will be used for the season. A substitution batting order may be used for the playoffs. In majors, you may use a nine or ten man batting order.

B. Batter may use any Little League approved bat with a BPF of 1.15 or less or any bat with a 2 5/8 " diameter barrel with a drop of -8 ½ to -3 weight ratio. The weight ratio is calculated by taking the length minus the weight.

C. Bases will be 70ft. apart in the major league and 60ft. apart in the minor league.

D. Bat length Minors 30" max and Majors 32" max

2. Fielders

A. In the minors there will be 10 fielders allowed. In the majors 9 fielders will be allowed.

B. All players must play in the field at least 2 innings per game by the fifth inning. Any team in violation of this rule will forfeit that game.

4. Pitching

A. The first warm-up pitch delivered in each inning by a pitcher shall constitute a charged inning.

B. Once replaced during a game as a pitcher, a player is no longer eligible to pitch in that game.

C. No pitcher shall throw, or attempt to throw, any breaking ball. The umpire will issue a warning to both the pitcher and the manager and declare the pitch a ball. The umpire, at his/her discretion, may remove the pitcher or the manager from the game. Absolutely no pretentious excuses will be tolerated. The natural movement of a fast ball will be ignored. Knuckle ball and changeups are allowed.

D. On the second trip to the mound in the same inning to the same pitcher, the pitcher must be removed.

E. If, in the game, a team has used all five pitchers and its fifth pitcher gets hurt and has to be removed from the game, a sixth pitcher may be used.

F. In the event there is an extra inning game and all five pitchers have been used you are allotted 1 pitcher for every two innings.

G. The pitching distance will be 50ft. in the major league and 46ft. in the minor league.

H. Any team using an illegal pitcher (i.e. any pitcher who has used their maximum allotted innings as defined in section 4a and 4b) will, 1st time a team violates the pitching rule, the game is a forfeiture. A second time, the game is a forfeiture and the coach is suspended for a game. Third time, game is forfeiture and the coach is suspended for three games which represents a week's game.

4a. Minor League pitching

1. A player may pitch only 2 charged innings per game. Six innings max per week.

2. There will be no balks called against a pitcher.

3. All games there will be at least a 2 to 1 ratio used.(i.e. 4 10yo innings and 2 9yo innings per game)

4b. Major League pitching

1. Any player may pitch up to 7 charged innings per week. At least 7 innings per week must be used by an 11yo pitcher.

2. Balks will only be called after the offending pitcher is given a specific warning after a pitched ball by the plate umpire.

3. Makeup games 4 12yo innings and 3 11yo innings format will be followed. A team that plays 4 scheduled games in a week also will follow this rule.

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4. Pitchers will be given 3 extra innings in a week for a make-up game only.
5. When a pitcher pitches more than 3 innings on one day, he will not be eligible to pitch the following day.
6. Pitching week will be Sunday thru Saturday.

5. Stealing

- A. Major and minor stealing of any base is allowed at any time after the pitched ball reaches the batter. (L.L. rule 7.13) In minors only, A runner on third may not advance, once forward momentum is stopped, unless there is an over throw. No cat and mouse.
- B. Leaving the base early, first time a warning will be given, after that the player will be called out.

6. Completed Games

- A. Minor league games will be 6 innings. After 3 innings or 1 hour a game is official.
- B. Major league games will be 7 innings. After 4 innings or 75 min. a game is official.
- C. In the minor league if a team is winning by 12 runs the game is considered complete as long as they have completed 3 1/2 innings with the home team ahead or 4 innings with the visitors ahead. In any case, if the home team is losing it must be given the opportunity to reduce the lead under 12 runs in the bottom half of the inning.
- D. In the major league, same as above, except 10 runs and 4 1/2 and 5 innings.
- E. No inning shall start 1 hour and 45 minutes after the start of game.
- F. In the event of a forfeit the winning score will be 6-0 minor and 7-0 major.

6. Substitutions

- A. Free defensive substitution for minor and majors during season.
- C. Courtesy runner is allowed for catcher after 2 outs. Runner is player who made the last recorded out and must be entered before 1st pitch to following batter. Catcher must start getting equipment on when he returns to dugout.
- D. Nine players are required to take the field, finish/continue a game.
- E. When using a continuous batting order in the regular season if a player is injured or has to leave for any reason that spot in the order is skipped, it will not be an out.
- F. If a player is disqualified by an umpire for any reason that player's batting position will be an automatic out.
- G. A player who is 15 minutes late does not have to play, late being defined as the games start time. (i.e. 5:15, 6:15, or 7:15)
- F. If a player is injured in the course of a game to take a team to 8 players, team may continue playing.

7. General

- A. It is the responsibility of each manager that the sportsmanship and integrity of the game is followed.
- B. Pitching changes must be reported to umpires.
- C. Coaches will not watch the game from in play areas.
- D. Slide or give up rule applies to every base. If the fielded either has the ball or is in the process of making a play on a ball directed to the particular base, a runner must slide or give himself up. The player will be called out.
- E. **All leagues If someone gets thrown out of game they must leave LYB property. If suspended for any game you will not be allowed on LYB property.**

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8. Playoffs

- A. There will be no run rule or time limit in playoff games.
- B. Top four teams from each division will make playoffs.
- C. All rounds of playoffs will be best 2 of 3.
- D. Substitution batting order may be used.
- E. There will be no limit on pitching changes.
- G. Pitcher innings are same as regular season.
- F. In first game of series the home team is the highest seeded team. Alternate home and away for rest of series.

9. Tiebreakers (for seeding)

- A. Head to head
 - B. Division record
 - C. Runs against
 - B. Runs scored.
10. A one game playoff will be played if there is a tie for the fourth position.