



9u/10u Kid Pitch Rules

The Waxahachie Youth Baseball Association (WYBA) has adopted the rules outlined by USSSA Sporting News Rules were stated otherwise by the WYBA governing body.

Field Dimension:

- Base Paths- 65 feet
- Pitcher's Mound- 46 feet from the front of the pitching rubber to the back of home plate

Equipment:

- Ball Type- Rawlings ROLB1 or manufacturer's equivalent
- Bat Type- Any USSSA approved bat is allowed. This includes big barrel bats. NO USA BATS, bat must have the USSSA stamp on it.
- In age divisions 5u-12u, non-metal cleats shall be worn
- The catcher shall 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, and protective cup.
- All offensive players shall use a double ear-flap batting helmet whenever at bat, on deck, on base or any other time outside of the dugout and the ball is live and in play.

Game Length, Scoring & Lineups:

- Game Length
 - Each game will be 90 minutes or 6 innings, whichever comes first.

- If a new inning has been started before the 90 minutes expires, the inning will be completed. Unless it is not possible for the home team to win or tie.
- Scoring
 - 6 Runs Per Inning
 - Mercy Rule: 15 run lead after the 3rd inning or 8 run lead after the 4th inning.
 - Ties are allowed.
 - The home team is responsible for keeping the official score book and working the scoreboard.
- Lineups
 - Lineups will be completed by each team's coach and exchanged before each game.
 - Each team is required to field at least 7 players to start the game.
 - One out will be assessed for each time the 8th and 9th player would have batted until the team rosters at least 9 players in the game.
 - Players that arrive late must be rostered at the end of the batting lineup.
 - If a team cannot field 7 players, it will forfeit the game and be scored as a loss.
 - A scrimmage may take place between the teams upon declaration of the forfeit. If a scrimmage takes place, the umpire will not be present.
 - Game time will not be delayed more than 5 minutes for a late player.

Batting & Base Running:

- Batting
 - Batting Order- All players will bat in a continuous batting order (all players will bat) and play under free substitution rule.
 - Batting order will remain the same unless a player is injured, then the player is scratched from the roster.

- Pitch Count- We will be playing regular baseball rules (3 strikes you are out, 4 balls you walk, hit by the pitch take your base). Foul balls continue when you're at bat.
 - Dropped 3rd strike rule in play, batter can attempt to make it to first base and catcher tries to throw out runner.

- Base Running
 - Loose bases: You may steal at your own risk. No straight steal of home or suicide bunt. Runner will be out on any type of straight steal home. This is for player safety.
 - Bunting is allowed, but no slashing (cannot show bunt pull bat back and try to hit ball), if you show bunt you have to bunt or take that pitch.
 - Slinging bat- First time the team is warned and the next one player is out.
 - Infield fly rule is in effect.
 - Intentional walks are allowed.

Defensive Rules:

- Defensive Alignment- no more than 9 defensive players may play the field on defense.
 - Infield- every infield position must be filled, and catcher must set up in the catcher's box no more than 4 feet behind home plate.
 - Outfield- 3 outfielders must be used if 9 or more players are present at the game.
 - Outfielders must play at least 20 feet behind the base path in the outfield.
 - A force out will NOT be awarded to the defensive team if the ball is fielded by an outfielder who was lined up too close prior to the batter's swing.

- Player Position Rules
 - No player can sit out defensively more than 2 innings.

- Each player MUST play 1 inning in the infield every game. 2 innings if the game is 5 innings or longer.
 - The WYBA will allow for a player to skip infield rotation for the safety of the player, if deemed needed. However, the player will not be allowed to sit more than one inning if infield rotation is skipped.
- Play Stoppage
 - Play stoppage is at the umpire's discretion and is NOT subject to appeal.
 - Play stops when the defense has secured the ball, and the lead runner is not attempting to advance.
 - Overthrows will not result in any kind of stoppage.

Coach Rules:

- Coaches- a total of 4 coaches (head coach/assistant coaches) per team may be positioned inside the fence perimeter.
 - All 4 coaches MUST always have their badges on and visible. No exceptions will be made. If a head coach or assistant coach does not have a badge visible, you will be asked to leave the field.
 - Defensive Coaches
 - 2 coaches may be arm's length away from the dugout, the remaining 2 coaches must remain in the dugout.
 - Offensive Coaches
 - 1 coach down left field foul line, or 3rd base coach
 - 1 coach down right field line, or 1st base coach
 - 1 dugout coach
- Pitcher
 - Must pitch from the rubber (can go from the windup or the stretch).
 - Balks will be called and warning issued. Umpire will guide the pitcher on how to correct the balk. NO penalty for the balk.
 - MANDATORY DAYS OF REST
 - A player that pitches more than 3 innings (9 outs) in one day. Must rest the next day.

- A player that pitches more than 8 innings (24 outs) in three consecutive days. Must rest the next day.
- A player that pitches 3 consecutive days (regardless of the total quantity of innings pitched. Must rest the next day.
 - Warmups are not counted toward pitching maximum.
 - If the pitcher is pulled in the middle of the batter, that batter will count as an out pitched for the pitcher that was taken out.

Sportsmanship:

- All players, coaches and spectators will conduct themselves properly and with respect for all others at the Optimist Fields.
- All players, coaches and spectators will abide by the rules of the Optimist Fields, at all times while on the premises.
- Profanity, assault (whether verbal or physical) or any other abuse of any person by another at any WYBA-sanctioned event is strictly prohibited.
- The Waxahachie Police Department will be immediately Summoned should any player, coach or spectator become involved in a fight.