

Belvidere Youth Baseball – 2009 Junior Girls FALL Rules

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1. BYB Ground Rules adopted herewith shall override any rules and regulations stated by the current National Federation of State High School Association publication in which all play shall be governed.
2. No player will be allowed to play out of her age bracket for any reason for regular season games. All team rosters will be limited to 13 players.
3. Teams may begin practices as soon as they are notified of their rosters. With exceptions of practice games, no practices shall exceed 2 hours in length. Teams may practice two times per week through August. Teams are limited to one practice per week starting September 1st.
4. Times of games :
 - a. First weekday game is to start at 5:30 PM.
 - b. Second weekday game is to start at 7:30 PM.
 - c. Saturday games can begin as early as 8:00 AM.
 - d. There will be a ten-minute grace period for a team to field the minimum # of players.
 - e. There is to be no infield practice allowed in between scheduled games.
 - f. Most games will be on Saturdays with a few weekday games throughout the season for each team.
5. All games have a 110-minute time limit except as otherwise noted here in:
 - a. When 110 minutes hits, the batter up to bat will finish his at bat and the game will end immediately thereafter.
 - b. If 110 minutes hits between batters, the next batter will be allowed to hit and the game will end upon the conclusion of his at bat.
 - c. The designated chief umpire will make decisions as the official timekeeper. His decision is final.
6. 12-RUN RULE: Shall apply only after five innings have been completed, or if the home team is ahead at the end of 4 ½ innings. The official scorekeeper, (home team) shall notify the chief umpire when 12-run rule applies to end game
7. No forfeits will be taken for teams lacking the proper number of players to start or play a game. A team is allowed to borrow players from any other team in the league in order to obtain the minimum number of players. The following exceptions apply:
 - a. Under no circumstances will a borrowed player pitch while playing for another team.
 - b. Teams may not borrow players unless at the start of the game they have LESS THAN TEN (10) players. In the case where a team borrows a player to make ten, and during the game another player arrives, the borrowed player will be allowed to play for the remainder of the game.
 - c. Teams may choose not to borrow any players.
 - d. NO OUTS WILL BE TAKEN FOR PLAYERS HAVING TO LEAVE A GAME EARLY, LEAVING DUE TO INJURY, ETC. (This is due to the continuous batting order)
8. There are no practices held during the season on Diamond #1 (Jr. Girls) or Diamond #2 (Bronco/Pony) but the batting cages and warm up pitching mounds may be used. Groundskeeper has the authority to take possession of any field for the purpose of maintenance. Conditions of the grounds between games will be decided by the groundkeeper or by an Executive Committee member or the Chief Umpire.
9. If lightning is in the area or adverse weather exists, (i.e. HAIL, HEAT INDEX) and has the potential to jeopardize the welfare of the ball players, the chief umpire or Executive Committee member or Commissioner on duty, shall rule to suspend play on all diamonds until the threat has passed.
10. **HEAT STRESS:** Games shall be suspended if temperature at Belvidere Bank (544-2424) reaches or exceeds 96°F.
11. In the event of rain-outs:
 - a. If a league has one day rained out, no makeup will be scheduled.
 - b. If during the season two game days are rained out, league officials will reschedule the 2nd rainout day.
 - c. Basically, the first rain out will not be rescheduled, but all others thereafter will be rescheduled, assuming the schedule and weather permit it.
12. Home team shall occupy the third base dugout.
13. Home team shall furnish the following:
 - a. An official scorekeeper. Official scorekeeper must record the number of innings pitched by all pitchers used during the game.
14. Home team manager shall be responsible for returning equipment to the concession stand after completion of last game. The winning manager shall report results of game to newspaper and league commissioner. Both teams shall tarp the field and return equipment to the concession stand.
15. Adults coaching the bases cannot have a player in the coach's box. Adult coaches do not have to wear uniforms.
16. Each team may have no more than one manager, two coaches and one score keeper in the dugout.
17. Any unethical conduct by a coach or manager towards any player or other bench personnel shall result in immediate ejection (no warning) and review by BYB Executive Committee as to his/her future coaching capacity prior to the team's next game.
18. Coach or manager may:
 - a. Be allowed one offensive conference per inning.
 - b. Make one trip to the mound per inning, per pitcher. If a second trip is made in that inning, the pitcher must be removed from the pitching position. Any egress onto fair territory of the playing field constitutes a trip to

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- the mound.
19. **SUBSTITUTE RULE:** Fall baseball encompasses free substitution and a continuous batting order. Any player may enter and exit the game and move to any position at any time with the exception of:
Girls may re-enter as pitcher but not in the same inning.
 20. **PLAYING TIME RULE:** Each player must play in half of the game defensively. The batting order is continuous.
This rule applies to all games including the games shortened by slaughter rule.
 21. **PITCHING RULES:**
 - a. Pitchers: A pitcher may pitch two innings per game. In the case of a double header, a pitcher may pitch two innings in each game. One pitch will constitute an entire inning.
 - b. Pitchers may reenter as pitcher (assuming they have not exhausted their allotted two innings for that game) but may not reenter in the same inning they were removed in.
 22. No courtesy runners or designated hitters may be used.
 23. Complete uniforms for each player shall be worn properly at all times, shirt tucked in and caps/visors worn unless not furnished, etc. Exceptions:
 - a. Catcher may remove her cap/visor when wearing the catchers mask and helmet
 - b. Pitcher position is exempt from having to wear her cap/visor.
 25. Steel spikes are not permitted.
 26. A double base shall be used at first base with white half secured in fair territory and orange half secured in foul territory.
 27. A batted ball leaving the playing field through the fence or leaving the outfield after touching the ground if there is no fence shall be declared a ground rule double.
 28. Any ball rolling into another playing field is in play, unless the umpire calls interference. Interference shall be ruled "One Plus One". The runner will get the base she is going to plus one base.
 29. No batting balls other than tennis balls against any BYB fence at any time.
 30. **JR GIRLS RULES EXCEPTIONS:**
 - a. Teams will field 10 defensive players.
 - b. **Direct steal of home is illegal if the runner proceeds home on the pitch, or the return throw to the pitcher, unless the throw is mishandled by the pitcher or overthrown. If a suicide squeeze is attempted and the batter misses the ball and the runner continues to home and does, or does not score, they are deemed to be stealing home. PENALTY – The runner shall be called out for stealing home.**
 - c. **An attempted pick-off to any base is deemed to be the same as a passed ball with all runners free to advance.**
 - d. Pitching rubber shall be 40 feet from the point of home plate.
 - e. Pitchers may pitch a maximum of **TWO** innings per game.
 - f. Six runs per inning for the first four innings. After the 4th inning, runs are unlimited. Even if the 4th inning is declared the last, teams may still only score 6 runs.
 31. **SLIDING RULE:** Batter/runner is out when she does not slide or attempt to avoid contact with a fielder in position to make a play.
 32. **TIE GAMES:** Ties games will NOT be broken. They will be recorded in the standings as a tie for both teams. Standings can be found at www.bybonline.org.
 33. Standings will be determined as follows:
 - a. Best record in the regular season
 - b. Head to Head
 - c. Runs Allowed
 - d. Runs Scored
 - e. Coin toss.
 34. There will be no awards for the fall league.