

Belvidere Youth Baseball – 2009 Pony Boys 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 his age bracket for any reason for regular season games. All team rosters will be limited to 13 players.
3. **Teams may begin practices the day following their respective league's draft.** With exceptions of practice games, no practices shall exceed 2 hours in length.
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.
5. All games have a 110-minute time limit except as otherwise noted here in:
 - a. Any inning in progress at game ending time shall be completed.
 - b. Official beginning of a new inning starts immediately after the final out of the previous inning.
 - c. The designated chief umpire will make decisions as the official timekeeper.
 - d. Playoff, Championship and tournament championship games will be played the complete number of innings unless the 10 run rule applies.
6. 10-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 10-run rule applies to end game.
7. A forfeit shall be entered into the books if one of the teams cannot field seven players at the designated start time of the game.
 - a. Pony - 7 out of 9 players
In this case, the team short of players will not be forced to take outs at bat. If additional players arrive, they must be inserted into the game immediately.
 - b. Teams must finish with the required minimum number of players. If a team starts with 9 players, the game must be completed with that number, or take-outs at bat for missing players.
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 groundskeeper 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. A designee appointed by the league president shall reschedule all suspended or rained-out games that are not officially completed games. The umpire coordinator shall schedule umpires for makeup games.
12. Home team shall be the first team listed on the schedules and 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. Each team shall select two different captains for each game to meet with the umpires before each game to exchange line-ups and receive instructions.
16. Adults coaching the bases cannot have a player in the coach's box. Adult coaches do not have to wear uniforms.
17. Each team may have no more than one manager, two coaches, one score keeper **and one pitching log facilitator in the dugout.**
18. 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.
19. 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 the mound.
20. **SUBSTITUTE RULE:** Relief pitchers who enter the game may be replaced as a pitcher after pitching to one batter,

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but must comply with Rule #21 regarding the number of innings played.

If re-entry is required due to a rainout, makeup game or injury, the last player removed from the game must be the first player to re-enter.

21. **TWO INNING RULE:** For the purpose of the two inning rule a player will be considered placed in the game upon such time as his name is given to the opposing manager to be placed in the game. Each player must play for nine outs if he finishes a time at bat, or twelve outs if he does not come to bat. **This two-inning rule applies to all games including the games shortened by slaughter rule.**
22. Managers may not substitute more than one player in any one starting position of a team line-up.
23. Failure to comply with the player participation or pitching rules will result in the following:
 - a. First Offense: Forfeiture of game.
 - b. Second Offense: Forfeiture of game and 2-game suspension of manager.
 - c. Third Offense: Forfeiture of game and banishment of manager for the remainder of the year
24. No courtesy runners or designated hitters may be used in any league.
25. Complete uniforms for each player shall be worn properly at all times, shirt tucked in and caps worn unless not furnished, etc. Exceptions:
 - a. Catcher may remove his cap when wearing the catchers mask and helmet
26. Steel spikes are permitted. They are permissible in the 13-14 year old boys' league.
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 he is going to plus one base.
29. No batting balls other than tennis balls against any BYB fence at any time.
30. **BOYS PONY RULE EXCEPTION:**
 - a. Pitchers may pitch a max. 7 innings per game and 10 innings per week. The week shall begin at 12:00 a.m. Monday morning and run thru 11:59 p.m. Sunday night. Pitchers shall have at least **48** hours rest after pitching on the same calendar day in **five** or more innings. As soon as a pitcher delivers one pitch to a batter he is considered to have pitched in one inning. The **48-hour** rule is computed from the actual starting time of the game in which the pitching occurred.
 - b. **Pitchers may pitch a max. 95 pitches per game and 165 pitches per week.**
 - c. **Pitcher may not move to catcher in the same game if he throws 50 or more pitches.**
 - d. **Starting pitcher must be removed if he reaches 50 pitches in the first 2 innings of game.**
 - e. **All team pitching log facilitators must complete a pitching log. The pitching log will indicate the total number of innings pitched and total number of pitches thrown for each of their pitchers used in each game; and will be given to the umpires on duty at the end of the game.**
 - f. Pitching distance will be 54 feet from the front edge of the pitching rubber to the back point of home plate.
 - g. Distance between bases will be 80 ft.
 - h. The bat doesn't have to meet the -3 rule but the 2 5/8" maximum diameter rule is in effect.
31. **INDIVIDUAL GAME TIE BREAKER PROCEDURE:**

Boy's League - After time limit has expired and game is tied, a designee appointed by the league president shall reschedule the game and umpire coordinator shall schedule umpires for tie makeup games.
32. Standings and tournament seeding ties will be determined as follows:
 - a. Best record in the regular season
 - b. If an unequal number of games have been played the winner shall be:
 - i. The team with the most wins or.
 - ii. The team with the fewer losses.
 - iii. Head to Head winner in the regular season.
 - iv. Score differential (In head to head) with a Max. of 8 runs.
 - v. Least runs allowed in head to head games.
 - vi. Least runs allowed in division play.
 - c. Coin toss.
33. There will be no duplications of any awards.