

# Belvidere Youth Baseball – 2011 12U Girls 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 12 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. Tournament championship games will be played the complete number of innings unless the 12 run rule applies.
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. 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. **12U Girls - 7 out of 9 players**  
In this case, the team short of players will not be forced to takes 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. **No practices on BYB property without written approval from BYB Executive Board. Use of batting cages and pitching mounds are reserved for teams who have scheduled games.** 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 Diamond 2 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. Coaches must stay on dirt pad in front of dug out or in dug out unless coaching bases.
17. Each team may have no more than one manager, two coaches and one score keeper 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, but must comply with Rule #21 regarding the number of innings played. Girls may re-enter as pitcher but not in the same inning.
21. **THREE INNING RULE:** For the purpose of the three inning rule a player will be considered placed in the game

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upon such time as his name is given to the opposing manager to be placed in the game. Each player must play at least 3 innings per game. **This three-inning rule does not apply to games shortened games by slaughter rule, timing rule or weather.** In a shortened game all players must at least play nine outs and have 1 at bat.

- a. 3 inning rule doesn't apply for unexcused absences from practice. This is left up to managers discretion. Must be made known to opposing manager before start of game.
22. Failure to comply with the player participation or pitching rules will result in the following:
  - a. First Offense: **1-Game suspension of manager.**
  - b. Second Offense: **2-Game suspension of manager.**
  - c. Third Offense: **Banishment of manager for remainder of year.**
  - d. **Occurrence during post season games will constitute forfeiture of game.**
23. No designated hitters may be used.
24. **Mandatory courtesy runner for catcher with 2 outs. Less than 2 outs it is optional.**
  - a. **Courtesy runner must be sub if one is available. If no sub is available it must be player who made last out.**
  - b. **Being a courtesy runner does not count towards playing time rule.**
25. 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. **12U GIRLS RULES EXCEPTIONS:**
  - a. **Teams will field 9 defensive players.**
  - b. **Runners may steal any base, including 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 back point of home plate.
  - e. Pitchers may pitch a maximum of 5 innings per game.
  - f. Six runs per inning for the first four innings. After the 4th inning, runs are unlimited. Even if the 4<sup>th</sup> inning is declared the last, teams may still only score 6 runs.
31. **INDIVIDUAL GAME TIE BREAKER PROCEDURE:**

Shall be implemented when time limit is or will be exceeded and the game score is tied. Each half-inning begins by placing a runner on second base. That runner is the player who precedes the leadoff batter in that inning.
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.