

OBX BASEBALL LOCAL RULES

OBX Baseball has adopted the following local rules. Except as set out in these local rules, the rules established by Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. shall apply in all OBX Baseball games.

8U

A team must have at least eight (8) players to start a game. The ninth (9th) spot in the batting order shall result in an out each time that position comes to bat as long as that position in the batting order remains open.

There may be one (1) defensive coach positioned in centerfield for the first half of the season. (This is in addition to the defensive coaches permitted along the right field and left field lines.)

A ball thrown past the first baseman which reaches or passes the coach's box shall result in a dead ball, and all runners shall advance one (1) base.

All players shall be placed in the batting order, and all players shall be positioned in the field defensively.

The "5-Run Maximum" rule does not apply in the 6th inning.

The time limit for games is six (6) innings or 1 hour and 35 minutes, whichever occurs first. An inning beginning at or before the 1 hour and 35 minute time limit shall be played to completion. No new inning may start after 1 hour and 35 minutes.

10U and 12U

A team must have at least eight (8) players to start a game. (The 8U automatic out rule for the open 9th position in the batting order does not apply in 10U and 12U.)

All players shall be placed in the batting order. No player shall sit out for two (2) or more consecutive defensive innings.

The following Pitch Count Rules shall apply instead of the Pitching/Inning Rules of the Tar Heel Leagues, Inc.:

10U

Daily Max (pitches in a game/day) - 75

1-40 pitches - 0 days rest

41-65 pitches - 1 day rest

66-75 pitches - 2 day's rest

12U

Daily Max (pitches in a game/day) - 85

1-40 pitches - 0 day's rest

41-65 pitches - 1 day rest

66-85 - 2 day's rest

In both 10U and 12U age divisions, if a pitcher reaches the daily max limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out.

The home team shall be responsible for keeping the official score, which shall include the official pitch count for pitchers on both teams. The official scorer must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by a head coach or an umpire, and shall notify the plate umpire when a pitcher has reached the pitch limit. The plate umpire will then notify the pitcher's head coach that the pitcher must be removed. However, the head coach is responsible for knowing when their pitcher must be removed.

The time limit for games is six (6) innings or 1 hour and 45 minutes, whichever occurs first. An inning beginning at or before the 1 hour and 45 minute time limit shall be played to completion. No new inning may start after 1 hour and 45 minutes.

All Ages

A baserunner approaching home plate must slide if the catcher possesses the ball or is in the process of catching the ball. The intent and purpose of this rule is the safety of both the baserunner and the catcher, to avoid a collision between the two at home plate when there is a play to be made by the catcher.

A team may have a courtesy runner for the catcher at any time. In an effort to improve the pace of play and decrease the time between innings, a team must have a courtesy runner for the catcher when there are two (2) outs. The courtesy runner for the catcher will be the player that made the last out.