



*Nisqually Basin Youth Baseball*  
Representing Yelm and Surrounding Communities  
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2026 NBYB "Minors" Specific Rules and Information

Unless otherwise noted below, NBYB teams playing in this division shall comply with the rules for baseball as outlined in the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken 2026 official rule book.

Field Dimensions:

1. The basepaths shall be set to 60'
2. The pitching rubber shall be set to 46'
  - a. A portable mound of either 6" or 8" height shall be used for game play.
3. The outfield dimensions are set at local league discretion.

Duration:

1. A game shall consist of 6 innings.
  - a. A new inning shall not begin after 105 minutes (1 hour 45 minutes) has elapsed from the official start time, as recorded by the home plate umpire.
    - i. If an inning is started, it shall be completed (i.e., both teams will have a chance to bat, unless the home team is ahead in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning) regardless of the 105-minute timeframe.
    - ii. The last game of the end of the end of season tournament will have no time limit.
  - b. The home plate umpire will have the sole discretion over whether a new inning is begun.
  - c. When it is apparent that a new inning will be the game's last inning, all scoring limit rules (item 2) will be disregarded for that inning.
  - d. If scoring limit rules were in effect for an inning that extends the game time past 105 minutes, the game shall end with the scoring limit rules in effect.
2. Through the first 3 innings, a "5 run rule" is in effect, meaning only the first 5 runs that score in an inning will count towards a team's score for that inning. Innings 4, 5 and 6 are "open" and 3 outs must be recorded to end the inning. 3. Regular season games may end in a tie.
4. Tournament Bracket games that are tied at the conclusion of the game will be decided by an extra inning. Extra innings will begin with the player last out on 2<sup>nd</sup> base. In an extra inning, both teams will have a chance to bat. 5. A 10-run "mercy rule" applies after 4 completed innings.

Special Base Running Rules:

1. Players shall not lead off prior to the pitch crossing the front edge of home plate.
2. Players may steal all bases.
  - a. A player who attempts to steal home and who, in the attempt, causes an obvious collision between the player guarding home and himself, shall be called out.
3. When a pitcher returns to the mound after making a pitch, all runners shall return to and remain on their base until such time as the ball next crosses the front edge of home plate.
4. There is no opportunity for a batter to become a runner upon a dropped third strike.

Special Pitching Rules:

1. Each coach is responsible for keeping accurate pitch count and making their score book available at all times and may be asked for a pitch count of players prior to the start of a game.
2. Each will submit the Google form with their pitch counts within 12 hours of the conclusion of each game. Failure to do so will cause any player who pitched during that game to incur a mandatory 5-day rest period.
3. A pitcher must be removed when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her division as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position:
  - a. NBYB Minors--75 pitches per game

- b. A pitcher may finish an at bat that takes him beyond 75 pitches, provided he started the at bat below the 75 pitch limit.
- c. If a pitcher meets their maximum pitch count in the middle of a batter, the pitcher may finish that batter.
- 4. A pitcher must rest according to the following parameters:
  - a. If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a game, two (2) calendar days rest must be observed.
  - b. If a player pitches 41-65 pitches in a game, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.
- 5. Once a pitcher leaves the pitcher's mound, he/she is not allowed to return as a pitcher in the same game.
- 6. Normal balk rules are not in effect.
- 7. All Coaches will, upon completion of the game, verify home book pitch count for all pitchers in that game.
- 8. The Home scorebook will serve as the official pitch count for the game.
- 9. The penalty for not following the above pitch count rules will be forfeiture of the game resulting in a 0-6 loss for the team in violation of the rules.

**Substitution Rules:**

- 1. All players shall bat in a team's line-up, regardless of whether they occupy a defensive position or not.
- 2. Except for special pitching rule 5, Players may be moved in and out of defensive positions at the discretion of the head coach.
- 3. A player may "re-enter" the contest after he/she has left the game during a planned or unplanned substitution.