

LYBA-Dresden-Montshire Minor League Rules 2021

- There is no changing the rules below, even if coaches agree.
- We will use continuous batting order that will allow every player to bat.
- Must Play Rule – All players must play 3 defensive innings (2 of those must be consecutive) and get at least 1 at bat each game, unless a game is shortened due to run rule, weather, or darkness.
- Free substitution of players.
 - Once a player is removed from the pitching position, they may not return to that position in that game.
- A team must have 7 players to play a game. If a team needs to borrow a player(s) to avoid forfeiting the game, they may do that as long as this doesn't compromise the team on which that player(s) is officially rostered. In addition, that player cannot play in back-to-back games for another team. The spirit of this rule is to assure that games are not forfeited while also giving multiple players the opportunity to be "fill in" players on another team. Borrowed players may not pitch.
- Stealing bases is allowed according to Cal Ripken rules.
- We will play by the "Cal Ripken 60 ft. Baseball Division Special Base Running Rule"
 - RULE: When a pitcher is within 10 ft. radius around the pitching mound and in possession of the ball and the catcher is in the catcher's box ready to receive delivery of the ball, base runners shall not leave their bases until the ball has been delivered and has reached home plate. Once the catcher has secured the ball and the runner has stopped his forward progress, the runner must immediately return to the base.
 - No delayed steals or 'baiting a throw'
 - Runners can advance to the next base on a passed ball or wild pitch. Only 1 run per inning can be scored by a runner advancing to home on a passed ball or wild pitch.
 - Ball is live once thrown into the field of play. Runners may advance on overthrows back to the pitcher.
- See rulebook for leaving early. No dropped third strike.
- Infield fly rule is in effect.
- No intentional walks. Coaches may not ask/tell their pitcher to intentionally walk a batter or ask/tell the umpire to grant a hitter first base.
- Bunting is allowed. No slash bunts. Penalty for slash bunts – batter is out, the ball is dead, and no runners advance.
- 10-Run Rule – Any game may be terminated immediately once becoming regulation if one team is ahead by 10 or more runs and both teams have had equal times at bat or the home team is leading.
- 3-Run Limit - A maximum of three runs can score per inning, except the last inning. Unlimited runs can be scored in the last inning (10-run rule still applies). The "last inning" must begin after 1 hour 45 minutes if it is not already the 6th inning.

- Time Limit – No new inning may start after one hour forty-five minutes. Games called because of the time limit will be considered regulation games regardless of the number of innings played. If the game ends in a tie, there are no extra innings.
- Pitching safety. If a pitcher hits three batters in a single appearance *and* either of the Managers or the umpire deems it to be a safety risk to batters if that pitcher continues pitching, they should be removed from the pitching position immediately. The umpire should call time after the third hit batter and convene a meeting with the Managers to discuss the safety concern and attempt to make a group decision. The umpire reserves the right to make the final decision without consensus from the Managers.
- Pitching Limit Rules (Regular Season Games):
 - Pitchers must adhere to days rest requirements listed in chart below (source, Pitch Smart Guidelines, Age 9-12, USA Baseball)
 - One “day” of rest in the chart below does not represent 24-hour intervals. In other words, if a player pitches on Monday and throws 31 pitches, they will be allowed to pitch again on Wednesday.
 - No player may appear as a pitcher in three consecutive GAMES regardless of pitch counts.
 - Eg. A pitcher appearing in game 1 for one inning and game 2 for one inning may not play as a pitcher in game 3. One inning is defined as one pitch delivered in a game.
 - Pitchers once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers.
- Pitching Limit Rules (Regular Season TOURNAMENT Games):
 - Pitchers must adhere to days rest requirements listed in chart below (source, Pitch Smart Guidelines, Age 9-12, USA Baseball)
 - One “day” of rest in the chart below does not represent 24 hours intervals. In other words, if a player pitches on Monday and throws 31 pitches, they will be allowed to pitch again on Wednesday.
 - No pitcher shall appear in a game as pitcher for three consecutive DAYS, regardless of pitch counts.
 - Pitchers once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers.

Pitch Count Limits & Rest Requirements (USA Baseball Pitch Smart Guidelines)						
Age Group	Game Maximum	0 Days Rest	1 Day Rest	2 Days Rest	3 days Rest	4 days Rest
Minors (age 9 – 10)	75	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+