

PVAA Majors Baseball Rules

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PVAA Majors follow Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Baseball rules including:

- Open Bases
- Balks
- Dropped third strikes
- Infield fly

In addition, we have the following “house rules”.

- 6 run inning limits (inning ends after 6th run is scored)
- Mercy rules (12 run lead after 4 innings)
- 1:45 time limit (no inning can start after 1:45)
- 6 innings max

Pitching rules:

- All pitchers must follow Babe Ruth tournament rules for pitch count and rest – Any game pitching will count towards pitch count (AB, School, etc.). Rest days requirement are based on calendar days.
- No pitcher can pitch more than 3 innings in a game (as soon as a pitch is thrown the inning counts)
- A pitcher **MUST** be removed from pitching on the second trip to the pitcher’s mound by any coach during an inning, or on the third trip to the mound by any coach during a game. (A visit to check on a potential injury will not count as a mound visit)
- The starting pitcher (and only the starting pitcher) can be removed and return to the game, as long as they were not removed by 2 mound visits in the same inning, or 3 mound visits in the game. 3 total innings limit still applies.
- Each pitcher will receive one warning for a balk
- A pitcher must be removed after 3 hit batters in a game.

Other Game Play Rules:

- All bats must have a USA baseball stamp. No USSSA or BBCOR bats allowed.
 - It is the coach’s responsibility to ensure that no illegal bats are used
 - If an illegal bat is discovered during an at-bat, the bat is removed and the hitter continues with a legal bat.
 - If a player hits a fair ball with an illegal bat, the player is automatically out. No advancement is allowed on the bases and any outs made during the play stand. Appeal must be made prior to the next pitch.
- All teams will bat a full, continuous line up (all players hit)
- Any injured player can be removed from the line up (with no out taken). They can be returned to the lineup when ready, in the original batting order.
- No player should sit out a second inning (from the field) until every player has sat at least one inning
- All players must play at least one inning in the infield (this could include Pitcher or Catcher)
- No slashing (square to bunt and then swing away).
 - If a player hits a fair ball after squaring to bunt then swinging, the player is automatically out. No advancement is allowed on the bases and any outs made during the play stand. Appeal must be made prior to the next pitch.
 - If a player squares to bunt, then swings and does not hit the ball or hits a foul ball, the player is warned. Second warning in a game, player is called out.
- No head first slides at home plate only
- Collision rule –base runner **MUST** avoid a collision with a fielder by attempting to get around the fielder or by sliding. If in the judgment of the umpire the runner does not avoid a collision, the runner is out.
- No metal spikes are allowed
- All catchers must be properly equipped including a protective cup.
- If there are 2 outs in an inning, the team can pinch run for their catcher using the player who made the last out.
- One warning per team for thrown bats

Player Borrowing:

- If a team has only 8 players, they can play the game. The team can borrow a player from the opposing to play RF. The team does not need to take an out for the 9th batter.
 - The borrowed player should be the last completed batter from their last at bat. If this player is “in the hole” he should be subbed out with the last batted player of that inning.

- If a team has 7 or less players, the game will count as a forfeit. The game can still be played as a scrimmage if both coaches agree. Players can be borrowed from the opposing team to play outfield defense.

TOURNAMENT PITCHING REST REQUIREMENTS				
AGE	DAILY MAX (PITCHES IN A DAY)	REST PERIOD		
		0 Days	1 Day	2 Days
7-8	50	1-20	21-35	36+
9-10	75	1-40	41-65	66+
11-12	85	1-40	41-65	66+
13-15	95	1-45	46-75	76+
16-18	105	1-45	46-75	76+