

**NLBSL 10U Baseball
2024 Rules Amendments**

1. Game Time:
 - A. 75 minutes or six innings, whichever occurs first.
 - B. No inning shall start after 75 minutes. Home team will always get lat at bat regardless of time as long as game is tied or home team is losing.
2. Leadoffs are not allowed.
3. Stealing is allowed, after the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.

*If a player leads off or leaves a base early on a pitch, on the first offence by a team in the game the umpire shall declare a "dead ball", "no pitch" and send the runner back to the base. On any subsequent violation the umpire shall call "dead ball" and the runner will be called out.
4. On a dropped third strike, the batter is out.
5. Following a walk the runner must stop at first base and remain on the base until the next pitch leaves the pitcher's hand. Walked batter stays on first even during steal attempts by other runners on any base or by passed ball back to pitcher. A walked batter must remain on first base UNTIL THE NEXT PITCH.
6. One stolen base per pitch allowed. Players may not advance on an overthrow on a stolen base.

Example: Runner on first base attempts a steal at second. Catcher throws the ball into center field. Runner must stay on second and may not advance.
7. Runner on third base may NOT score on a passed ball at home plate or throwback to the pitcher. A runner on third base may NOT advance home on a pickoff at any base.
8. On an overthrow on a batted ball, the runner has the right to the base they are going to and the next base with the liability to be put out (one plus one).

Examples: (1) Batted ball...batter/runner is going to first base and there is an overthrow at first base. The runner has the right to continue to second with the liability to be put out. They may not advance past second base...this is all they get regardless if another over-throw occurs.

(2) Batted ball...runners on first and second. Fielder throws to third base and there is an overthrow. The runner has the right to continue home with the liability to be put out.

(3) Batted ball...bases loaded. Fielder throws home and there is an overthrow. All other runners have the right to the next base plus one with the liability to be put out.
9. No headfirst slides when advancing bases. Player may dive back into bag if pick off is attempted. Runners sliding headfirst will be called out.

10. No balks will be called.
11. The strike zone will be from the top of the shoulders to mid-calf and ball wide on each side of the plate.
12. No infield fly will be called.
13. Base distance is 65 feet.
14. Pitching distance is 46 feet.

15. *Walk Rule:*

Each team will be allowed (3) walks per inning. After **each team** walks 3 batters, the offensive coach or designated adult will be **required** to pitch to the subsequent batters after (4) balls.

After (4) balls on the third batter walked, the offensive coach or designated adult representative of the offensive team will pitch overhand for the remainder of the count from the rubber. Example: Count equals 4 balls and 1 strike the coach will get 2 pitches, all pitches by the coach will be strikes (even hit by pitch). No bunting or stealing when a coach is pitching. If the batter fouls the third strike he will remain at bat. Delay of game by the pitching coach will result in a strike. The player/pitcher must be parallel to the side of the pitching coach. If the pitching coach is accidentally hit by a batted ball, ball is live. If the pitching coach catches a batted ball, the batter is out and the play is dead.

15. PITCH COUNT LIMITS FOR BOYS DIVISIONS

Baseball all age groups:

- 3 Innings pitched in one day allows a pitcher to throw the next **calendar day**. If more than 3 innings are pitched in one day, player must have one day rest before they can pitch again.
- One day maximum of innings pitched is 6.
- Three Day Maximum of innings a pitcher can pitch is 8.
- **If the pitched inning limit is exceeded, The Head Coach will be suspended from that game plus the next game. If this occurs during tournament play, the pitcher will NOT be allowed to pitch for the remainder of the tournament for his own safety.**