



Major League Rules

11-12 Year Olds

- **LEAD OFFS ALLOWED AND DROPPED THIRD STRIKE RULE**
- **TIME LIMIT** – One hour, 45 minutes (1:45) drop dead time or six (6) innings, whichever comes first. No new innings after 1:30. If the drop dead time is reached, the score will revert back to the last full completed inning. Regular Season games WILL end in a TIE.
- Tournament games will continue until there is a winner. **Championship Games there is No Time Limit, 6 innings will be played.**
- 50' pitching Distance and 70' Base paths.
- No Player shall sit out 2 defensive innings in a row and no player shall sit more than 2 innings in a game. Free substitution of defensive players with the exception of the pitcher. However, the batting lineup may not be altered and remains the same throughout the game.
- Catchers must wear a protective cup.
- Pitchers once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers
- No pitcher shall appear in a game as a pitcher for three consecutive calendar days, regardless of pitch counts
- Plays at Home – Players are not required to slide, but they must avoid contact (they cannot leap). If they make contact with a catcher making a play, it must be with a slide.
- Base paths - if in the path of a throw they must slide immediately or peel out of the baseline.
- Half inning ends on the 6th run regardless of the result of the play..
- Time between innings should be no more than 2 minutes or 5 warm up pitches whichever comes first.
- Use two-out runner for pitcher & catcher. The runner will be the last recorded player out, whether that was a strike out or put-out.
- Mercy rule 10 runs after 5 complete innings, or 4 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead.
- All bats must bear the USA stamp with 2 5/8" max barrel size. No BBCOR bats.
- All players are in the batting lineup regardless of whether they played in the field during the defensive inning.
- Home team (3rd base dugout) to be the official scorekeeper and Visiting team (1st base dugout) to run the scoreboard (Bywater only). 3rd base dugouts is the HOME dugout for both Bywater and Alta Canyon.
- See Babe Ruth rule handbook for all other baseball rules RulesBaseball.pdf (baberruthleague.org)

Pitch Count (Days rest based on # of pitches thrown during game)

Age	Daily Max	0 Days Rest	1 Days Rest	2 Days Rest	3 Days Rest	4 Days Rest
11-12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66-85

*Pitch Count numbers are based on pitch smart guidelines.

- For examples of proper pitch count application: <https://youtu.be/wN-5-kr39-A>