

**LYBA Local League Rules**  
**2010 Season**  
**(Amended April 2, 2007)**

**5/6 YEAR OLDS**

- Teams will roster bat (all players on the team must bat in order).
- Maximum of 4 Swings, including foul balls
- 3 outs - clear the bases. Continue to bat until all players have batted.
- All players will play in the field; extra players should be put in the outfield.
- Field dimensions are 50 ft. bases.
- 2 "at bats" per team or **75 minute time limit**.
- All batters, catcher, pitcher and all base runners will wear helmets with face masks.
- Score is not kept and scoreboard is not turned on.
- No end-of-season tournament

**7/8 YEAR OLDS**

- Teams will roster bat (all players on the team must bat in order).
- All players must play a minimum of 6 defensive outs
- 7 run limit or 3 outs per inning. When either occurs, your at-bat is over.
- 4 pitches – 1 free look + 3 strikes. Batter is out, except if 3<sup>rd</sup> strike is a foul.
- "No Pitch" called at the umpire's discretion.
- Umpire will call time when the lead runner is stopped and/or the play comes to a natural end and the base runners are making no attempt to advance. *Refer to Dixie Handbook for complete base running rules.*
- 10 players in the field. Regular infield, plus 4 in the outfield.
- 7 innings or **90 minute time limit**. No inning will start after 90 minutes of play. If you start the inning before 90 minutes has expired, you must finish the inning.
- The home team will not bat in the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning if the visiting team has an 8-run or greater lead.
- Field dimensions are 60 ft. bases and 46 ft. pitching rubber
- Pitching machine can be adjusted by the coach only at the beginning of each team's at-bat. Pitching machine can be adjusted at umpire's discretion anytime during the inning. If the pitching machine is inadequate, the umpire at his/her discretion can decide to go to "coach pitch" to finish the game.
- .All batters, catchers, pitchers and all base runners will wear helmets with face masks.

**9/10 YEAR OLDS**

- Teams will roster bat (all players on the team must bat in order).
- All players must play a minimum of 6 defensive outs
- 6 run limit or 3 outs per inning.
- All catchers, batters and base runners must wear helmets with face masks.
- Bases are closed (no lead offs)
- Balks WILL NOT be called.

- No inning will start after **90 minutes of play**. If you start the inning before 90 minutes has expired, you must finish the inning.
- Field dimensions are 65 ft. bases and 46 ft. pitching rubber

### **11/12 YEAR OLDS**

- Teams will roster bat (all players on the team must bat in order).
- All players must play a minimum of 6 defensive outs.
- 6 run limit or 3 outs per inning.
- All catchers, batters and base runners must wear helmets with face masks.
- Field dimensions are 70 ft. bases and 50 ft. pitching rubber.
- Bases are open (lead offs allowed).
- Balks will be called. Umpires will not enforce balks by the pitcher until games played **on or after April 26<sup>th</sup>**. Before April 26<sup>th</sup> umpires will notify coaches and pitchers of a balk so they may correct any move causing a balk.
- No inning will start after **90 minutes of play**. If you start the inning before 90 minutes has expired, you must finish the inning.
- Squeeze play is allowed. In the event of a squeeze play, the batter **MUST** bunt or take the pitch. If the batter swings the bat, the batter is out, the runner is out and the 3<sup>rd</sup> base coach is ejected.
- With the bases loaded, 2 outs and the count on the batter full (3 balls, 2 strikes), the runner from third base shall not run hard to the plate until the batter swings. If the runner does run hard, the runner is out and the 3<sup>rd</sup> base coach is ejected.

### **13/14 YEAR OLDS**

- Teams will roster bat (all players on the team must bat in order).
- All players must play a minimum of 6 defensive outs.
- All catchers, batters and base runners must wear helmets with face masks.
- **NO** steel cleats are allowed.
- Field dimensions are 80 ft. bases and 54 ft. pitching rubber.
- Balks will be called at all times
- No inning will start after **100 minutes of play**. If you start the inning before 100 minutes has expired, you must finish the inning.
- In the event of a squeeze play, the batter **MUST** bunt or take the pitch. If the batter swings the bat, the batter is out, the runner is out and the 3<sup>rd</sup> base coach is ejected.
- With the bases loaded, 2 outs and the count on the batter full (3 balls, 2 strikes), the runner from third base shall not run hard to the plate until the batter swings. If the runner does run hard, the runner is out and the 3<sup>rd</sup> base coach is ejected.

### **ALL AGES**

- Practices can begin 2 weeks before the first game. Coaches are responsible for finding their own practice fields. **NO REGULAR SEASON PRACTICE ON LYBA COMPLEX FIELDS.**
- Regular season games will not count. A tournament at the end of the season will determine the winner and runner-up (except T-ball).

- No pre-game team or individual warm-ups on any LYBA field that you are not immediately scheduled to play on.
- Batting cages are open all game days on a first come-first served basis. No reservations. Teams must follow posted batting cage rules or they will be removed from the cages.
- No more than a combined total of four (4) practices and/or games per week.
- Team hats and shirts may not be altered. (Example: Player names on hats and/or shirts). Altered hats and/or shirts must be replaced at player expense.
- Umpires will keep official game time.
- The home team will maintain the official scorebook and the visiting team will operate the scoreboard, if score is kept.
- If the batter fakes a bunt and then swings at the ball (full swing or slash), the batter is out and the runners cannot advance. This protects fielders charging in to field a bunt.
- No full-speed head-first slides into base (back to base on pick-offs excepted). Runner will be called out.
- If a coach or player is ejected from a game, he/she is ineligible to coach or play in the next scheduled game (1 game suspension). The suspended coach or player will not be allowed in the LYBA Baseball Complex during their suspension. Upon a second ejection, the coach or player will be suspended for the remainder of the season and will not be eligible for All Stars.
- Teams playing the first game of the day will be responsible for setting up the field for play (removing field covers, chalking batters boxes, painting foul lines, installing bases, installing scoreboard controller).
- Teams playing the last game of the day will be responsible for raking fields, replacing field covers (if available), storing scoreboard controller in weather-proof storage and picking up trash on the field, in the dug-outs, stands and areas adjacent to the field; bagging trash and setting it out for disposal. **Any coach not performing these duties will be suspended for one (1) game.**
- Each team will be assigned concession stand duty day(s). It is the coach's responsibility to have team parents available to work in the concession stand on their assigned day(s). **Any coach that does not have the concession stand properly staffed on his/her assigned day(s) will be suspended for one (1) game.**
- **All suspensions may be appealed to the Competition Committee.** To allow time for fact-finding and consideration by the Competition Committee, appeals must be directed to the Competition Committee by the team's Head Coach not less than two (2) days before the coach or player's next scheduled game. If the coach or player's next scheduled game is less than two (2) days from date of suspension, the Competition Committee must be notified by team's Head Coach immediately after the game in which the suspension occurred.