

COYBL



2012 Central Ohio Youth Baseball League rules



2012 CENTRAL OHIO YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE RULES

LEAGUE OFFICE

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This rulebook is for League play in Central Ohio only. Nations Baseball tournaments will use the Nations National rules.

COYBL LEAGUE RULES - Playing rules specifically not covered herein shall follow the official Ohio High School rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Ohio High School rulebooks can be ordered from OHSAA by calling them at 614-267-2502.

League fees and team registration fees are due in December of each year and are non-refundable.

Classifications will not be final until all fees, forms and rosters are filled out and returned to the League office and rosters are on line at www.nations-baseball.com

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LEAGUE STANDINGS AND REPORTING OF SCORES

**GAME SCORES AND PITCHING STATS ARE TO
BE POSTED ON THE LEAGUE WEB SITE
WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE GAME BEING
PLAYED OR THE GAME WILL BE CONSIDERED
A FORFEIT.**

Standings will be kept by Wins and losses and winning Percentage.
Division Champions will be crowned using this method.

It is the coach's responsibility to assure proper posting of scores before the league ending date. After that published date, it is too late to fix any errors. No exceptions will be permitted.

Any ties in the divisional standings on the final day will be decided by a one game playoff.

All teams must have a contact person for the team with an email address so that league updates and announcements can be relayed to the teams. Ideally this would be the head coach, but can be anyone that you trust to get you the information will do.

We also recommend that you check the league web site at least once a week for updates.

Forfeits: Forfeits are permitted only under the following circumstances:

1. Roster or game rules violations,
2. Both parties contact the League Director for final determination.
3. Coaches may not post forfeits at any time.

2012 League ending date for division games:

Ages 8U and 14U – July 15th, 2012

Ages 15U and Up – July 31st, 2012

Under no circumstances will the league ending date be extended starting with the 2012 Season due to member complaints from prior seasons where the season was extended and not all teams could play after the posted end date due to other commitments for other sports and planned vacations.

It is the policy that ALL COYBL teams cancel non-divisional games to be able to play games that were rained out or postponed due to inclement weather or other reasons.

TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Section 1 – The league fee includes your National Registration fees for all Sanctioning bodies that the COYBL is affiliated with.

Section 2 - A team cannot be made up of more than 22 roster players.

Section 3 – Team rosters must be online at www.coybl.org and www.nations-baseball.com by 04/01/2012. Roster adds are permitted within the rules in section 5 of the Players section.

Section 4 - All teams must submit the above before they will be permitted to start league play. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of any games played.

Section 5 – For tournament Play, teams may be reclassified at any time during the season by the Nations Ohio Director or the USSSA Ohio Director, based on strength of team or any other pertinent information.

Section 6 - Use of an illegal player or a non-roster player will result in forfeiture of any games in which the player participated. Anytime during or after a league game for a period of up to 30 days, if the league director discovers that an illegal player was used, he can apply a forfeit to the team using the illegal player.

Section 7 - Coaches must have a copy of their team roster and birth certificates with them at all times. If you cannot provide your roster and birth certificates when requested, you will forfeit the game. If the Birth Certificate is on line at www.nations-baseball.com, then this rule is waived.

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Section 1 - Any player can play "UP" in an older age group.

Section 2 – Players placed on a COYBL team's roster cannot be on another COYBL league roster in the same age level.

Section 3 - A player may only pitch for one COYBL team per year and the league office must be aware of the team he will be eligible to pitch for.

This cannot be changed during the current season of play.

Section 4 – Teams may only roster two players from a tournament only team.

Section 5 - If a player leaves a team for any reason during the current season, he must receive a letter of release from the original team before he can play for another team. The letter must be sent to the league office. If a player is released from a team, he may not return to that team for the remainder of the current season.

- a.) A player in the 8U to 12U age groups must be dropped by 5/31/2012 to be picked up by another team for the 2012 season. If dropped after 5/31/2012, they are not eligible to play Division games for the 2012 Season
- b.) A Player in the 13U to 18U age groups must be dropped by 6/30/2012 to be picked up by another team for the 2012 season. If dropped after 6/30/2012, they are not eligible to play Division games for the 2012 season.

***** AGE ELIGIBILITY CHART *****

DIVISION	CUTOFF
8 & under	Ninth Birthday
9 & under	Tenth Birthday
10 & under	Eleventh Birthday
11 & under	Twelfth Birthday
12 & under	Thirteenth Birthday
13 & under	Fourteenth Birthday
14 & under	Fifteenth Birthday
AGES 15 AND UP BELOW	

In age divisions 14 and below, the player’s age on April 30th determines the player’s eligible age division for the current season that includes April 30th.

Players can play up an age division but can never play down.

High school divisions have a grade exception rule based on one age up. For example, a 16-year old freshman can play in the 15U - Freshman age division—but not a 17-year old.

For high school divisions 15U – 18U, participation is based on age and high school grade.

Example: *Age is always first. 15U is 15U, but if you are a freshman and 16 years old, not 17 years old, you are eligible to play 15U - Freshman.*

15U – HS Freshman/Sixteenth

16U – HS Sophomore/Seventeenth

17U – HS Junior/Eighteenth

18U – HS Senior/Nineteenth

GAME RULES

Section 1 – Umpires: All games that count in the League Standings (Division games) for ages U11 and up must have two certified umpires. Ages U10 and below only require one certified umpire. The umpires are to be scheduled and paid for by the home team.

If you are playing a League double-header and they are both division games, the umpire fees should be split 50/50. Non-league games are up to the coaches.

If only one umpire is present, both coaches must agree that the game will be played with one umpire or the game will not count in the standings.

Section 2 – Standings will include Wins, Losses and Ties to include the two games you play against your division teams.

Section 3 - Rainouts or other cancellations must be made up in good faith. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the game(s) and possible league suspension for the next season if it is deemed a team is not acting in good faith. Each game is important for the division standings.

Section 4 - Good Sportsmanship and respect of fellow Coaches, players and Umpires is expected. Violations could result in suspension from a game or games and for the Season if the violation is deemed severe.

~~Chanting is not showing good sportsmanship and will not be permitted.~~

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Section 5 - Any pre-game agreements of time limits for whatever reason must be agreed upon by both head coaches prior to the start of the game and witnessed by the Umpire in charge and cannot be changed during the game. Some parks have lighting restrictions that you need to be aware of when playing a night game.

Section 6 - Length of games shall be 6 innings for ages up to and including U12. Length of games for U13 and above shall be 7 innings. Games length when playing a Double Header will remain the same, except if agreed to by both coaches witnessed by the Umpires prior to the first and/or second games.

Section 7 - Run rules are as follows for league play:

- a.) 10 runs after 4 innings (3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead) for ages up to U12.
- b.) 10 runs after 5 innings (4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead) for ages U13 and up.

Section 8 – For 7 inning games

If weather or darkness interferes with play so that the game is called (ended) by the umpire, it is a regulation game:

- If 5 full innings have been played, or if the home team has scored an equal or greater number of runs in 4 or 4 and a fraction turns-at-bat than the visiting team has scored in 5 turns at bat; or
- If play has gone beyond 5 full innings:
 - If the game is called when the teams have not had an equal number of completed turns at bat, the score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning (5th or 6th); except that if the home team in its half of the incomplete inning scores a run (or runs) which equal(s) or exceed(s) the opponent's score, the final score shall be as recorded when the game is called; or
- If any number of innings or portions thereof prior to completing 5 innings (or if the home team has scored an equal or greater number of runs in 4 or 4 and a fraction turns-at-bat than the visiting team has scored in 5 turns at bat) have been played and both coaches cannot agree when to complete the game, the game result reverts back to the last full inning played or to the current score if the home team is batting when the game is called and has scored an equal to or greater number of runs through this at bat than the visiting team. If the game is completed at a later date, it resumes play where it was when it was called (inning, outs, balls, strikes, etc.).

Section 9 – For 6 inning games

If weather or darkness interferes with play so that the game is called (ended) by the umpire, it is a regulation game:

- If 4 full innings have been played, or if the home team has scored an equal or greater number of runs in 3 or 3 and a fraction turns-at-bat than the visiting team has scored in 5 turns at bat; or
- If play has gone beyond 4 full innings:
 - If the game is called when the teams have not had an equal number of completed turns at bat, the score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning (4th or 5th); except that if the home team in its half of the incomplete inning scores a run (or runs) which equal(s) or exceed(s) the opponent's score, the final score shall be as recorded when the game is called; or
- If any number of innings or portions thereof prior to completing 4 innings (or if the home team has scored an equal or greater number of runs in 3 or 3 and a fraction turns-at-bat than the visiting team has scored in 4 turns at bat) have been played and both coaches cannot agree when to complete the game; the game result reverts back to the last full inning played or to the current score if the home team is batting when the game is called and has scored an equal to or greater number of runs through this at bat than the visiting team. If the game is completed at a later date, it resumes play where it was when it was called (inning, outs, balls, strikes, etc.).

Section 10 - EH (Extra Hitter) is allowed for all ages.

Section 11 – DH is allowed for ages U15 and up, but cannot be used if using an EH.

Section 12 – **See detailed bat rule on page 8.**

Section 13 - Metal Spikes are **not permitted** in ages U12 and below.

Section 14 – Slug Bunting is **not permitted** in COYBL Games for ages 8U to 14U. A Slug bunt is squaring to bunt and then pulling the bat back and swinging away. This puts players in danger and will not be permitted

Section 15 - You may start a game with 8 players, but you must take an out for the spot in the batting order. You may finish with 8 players with the understanding that the vacated spot in the lineup will be an out each time it comes up in the batting order.

Section 16 – There will be no tobacco use in or around the dugout area or on the field of play at any time. Violation of this rule could result in suspension of the violating coach or player.

Section 17 - ***ALCOHOL IS NOT PERMITTED AT ANY COYBL GAMES, PRACTICES OR FUNCTIONS. ANY VIOLATIONS OF THIS POLICY WILL RESULT IN AN IMMEDIATE AND PERMANENT BAN FROM COYBL***

Section 18 – Courtesy runner for Catcher only with 2 outs – runners cannot currently be in the game lineup. If using roster batting, courtesy runner must be the person that made the last out.

Section 19 – Taunting of any kind against the other team will not be tolerated. Players and or coaches that take part in this will be removed from the game and park by the umpires immediately and will also serve another game suspension or if severe, may be banned from league play for a time to be determined by the league.

2012 COYBL Bat Rules

This rule is for COYBL Play only.

8U to 12U

➤ **SMALL BARREL 2 ¼”**

- Ideally all bats will have the 1.15 BPF Stamped on the bat. Stickers will not be enough proof that the bat meets the standard. If you cannot prove the bat is 1.15 BPF certified, the bat is illegal
- USSSA will not require the stamp until 2014
- *There is no weight/length ratio rule such as -3 or -5 drop factor for ages 8U-12u*
- ***For 2012 and 2013, we will Grandfather any bat that meets the 1.15 BPF standard as long as you can prove it meets those standards.*

Note: 2014 COYBL will require that the 1.15 BPF be stamped on the bats.

➤ **BIG BARREL (2 5/8” or 2 ¾”)**

- Ideally all bats will have the 1.15 BPF Stamped on the bat. Stickers will not be enough proof that the bat meets the standard. If you cannot prove the bat is 1.15 BPF certified, the bat is illegal
- Those bats that have a BBCOR mark permanently attached to the bat that is recognized by **OHSAA** as a legal bat.
- *There is no weight/length ratio rule such as -3 or -5 drop factor for ages 8U-12u*
- ***For 2012, we will Grandfather any bat that meets the 1.15 BPF standard as long as you can prove it meets those standards.*

13U

➤ **SMALL BARREL 2 ¼”**

- Ideally all bats will have the 1.15 BPF Stamped on the bat. Stickers will not be enough proof that the bat meets the standard. Must not be greater than a -8 DROP. If you cannot prove the bat is 1.15 BPF certified, the bat is illegal
- **Note: 2014 we will require that the 1.15 BPF be stamped on the bats.**

➤ **BIG BARREL (2 5/8” or 2 ¾”)**

- Ideally all bats will have the 1.15 BPF Stamped on the bat. Stickers will not be enough proof that the bat meets the standard. If you cannot prove the bat is 1.15 BPF certified, the bat is illegal
- Must not be greater than a -8 DROP
- Any BBCOR certified bat can be used
- **OR** a wood bat.
- *** For 2012, we will Grandfather any bat that meets the 1.15 BPF standard and no greater than a -8 drop as long as you can prove it meets those standards.*

Note: 2014 we will require that the 1.15 BPF be stamped on the bats.

14U

➤ **BIG BARREL (2 5/8” or 2 ¾”)**

- Ideally all -5 bats will have the 1.15 BPF Stamped on the bat. Stickers will not be enough proof that the bat meets the standard. If you cannot prove the bat is 1.15 BPF certified, the bat is illegal
- -3 bats that have a BBCOR mark permanently attached to the bat that is recognized by **OHSAA** as a legal bat. *OHSAA rules require -3 Drop, but not all COYBL 14U players play School baseball so we will allow -5 or -3 bats.*
- *-3 bats must meet BBCOR certification and any -5 bats must meet 1.15BPF certification. There are no -5 bats that meet BBCOR certification, thus they must meet 1.15BPF*
- **OR** a wood bat.

2012 COYBL Bat Rules , cont.

15u and older

- All bats must comply with the **current OHSAA** bat standards.
- Meaning it must be a **qualified BBCOR** bat with a drop 3 factor.
- OR be a wood bat.

While COYBL believes that the material oriented 2011 ban and the ultimate move to a wood like performance standard is not in the best interests of the game, COYBL will continue its policy for 15 and over of following the NHFS rules. Because so many of our 15 and over players are focused on being a part of their High School teams, it is the view of COYBL that its customers are best served by playing with the same bats that they will be using in High School play. Thus, if a bat is legal under the NHFS rules, it is legal for COYBL sanctioned play. If not legal for NHFS play, it is not legal for COYBL play.

ROSTER BATTING:

We will allow Roster Batting in ages 8U to 14U. Both teams do not have to agree. If one team wants to Roster Bat during a game, that is their option.

If a team chooses to roster bat, then all players other than the nine defensive position players are extra hitters and can move freely in defensive positions.

If additional players arrive after the game has started, those players are placed at the end of the batting order.

If a player a player leaves the game after it has started for any reason other than an injury, the vacated spot in the batting order will be an automatic out.

Pitching rules: Please see attached Pitching rules.

Playing field: These are the recommended playing dimensions.

Bases and Pitching must adhere to this chart, but the outfield dimensions can vary.

RECOMMENDED PLAYING FIELD DIMENSIONS				
DIVISION	BASES	PITCHING	FOUL LINES	CENTER
U8 COACH PITCH	60	40.4"	160	185
9 & UNDER	65	46	160	190
10 & UNDER	65	46	180	210
11 & UNDER	70	50	200	240
12 & UNDER	70	50	230	275
13 & UNDER	80	54	260	300
14 & UNDER	90	60-6	275	300
15 & UNDER	90	60-6	320	375
16 & UNDER	90	60-6	320	375
17 & UNDER	90	60-6	320	375
18 & UNDER	90	60-6	320	375

UMPIRES, LIGHTNING AND INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

COYBL requires that OHSAA licensed umpires be used so that our games are played in accordance to those rules for the safety of the players of COYBL. Umpires need to register with COYBL on the Umpire page on our web site if they want to umpire COYBL games in 2012 and beyond. We must have the ability to contact and inform Umpires that work COYBL games of the rules and address issues that arise during COYBL events for the safety and well being of all COYBL Members.

LIGHTNING AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

Recognition

Coaches, athletic trainers, athletes, administrators and contest officials shall be educated regarding the signs indicating thunderstorm development. Since the average distance between successive lightning flashes is approximately two to three miles, ANYTIME that lightning can be seen or heard, the risk is already present. Weather can be monitored using the following methods:

- **Monitor Weather Patterns** – Be aware of potential thunderstorms by monitoring local weather forecasts the day before and morning of the competition, and by scanning the sky for signs of potential thunderstorm activity
- **National Weather Service** – Weather can also be monitored using small, portable weather radios from the NWS. The NWS uses a system of severe storm watches and warnings. A watch indicates conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop in an area; a warning indicates severe weather has been reported in an area, and everyone should take proper precautions. Any thunderstorm poses a risk of injury or death even if it does not meet the criteria for severe weather. Therefore, anytime thunderstorms are in the forecast (even if it is only a 20 percent chance), event organizers shall be at a heightened level of awareness to the potential danger of lightning.

Management

- **Evacuation** – If lightning is imminent or a thunderstorm is approaching, all personnel, athletes and spectators shall evacuate to available safe structures or shelters. A list of the closest safe structures should be announced and displayed on placards at all athletic venues.
- **Thirty-minute rule** – Competition or practice shall be suspended once lightning has been recognized or thunder is heard. It is required to wait at least 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning is witnessed or thunder is heard prior to resuming practice or competition. Given the average rates of thunderstorm travel, the storm should move 10-12 miles away from the area. This significantly reduces the risk of local lightning flashes. **Any subsequent lightning or thunder after the beginning of the 30-minute count shall reset the clock, and another count shall begin.**

Safety of the Players, Coaches, Parents and Spectators are of the utmost importance and there is absolutely no leeway in these rules. It is Black and White and OHSAA umpires know this and the coaches should know this. It is your responsibility to use the rules as written to protect the kids. No deviations from this rule is permitted and violations will result in suspension from COYBL for the remainder of the year.

COYBL FULL DISCLOSURE POLICY:

Any and all complaints against a coach or team must be sent to the League office and your age group league director and you must copy the Coach of the team you are complaining about. If this step is not followed, your complaint will not be addressed until you comply.

We will compile a list of teams / coaches that receive complaints and if it is deemed excessive or the issue(s) are severe, you could be banned from play for the next year or longer.

COACHES OR PLAYER EJECTIONS

Coaches ejected from a game must sit out that game and the next game also.

Players ejected from a game will sit out the remainder of that game only.

Coach and Player ejection must be reported to the league office by the head coach within 24 hours.

A one week suspension will be levied if the game penalty is not served at the next scheduled game.

If the suspended coach ignores the game suspension and coaches in the next game, your team will also be issued a forfeit for that game.

If the ejection is deemed to be severe in nature, further suspensions from the League could result.

PROTESTS

Protests must be given to the Umpire in charge before the game is completed. The protesting team must get the Umpire's name and phone number and be submitted along with your protest to the league office.

Protests must be made to the league office by email within 24 hours.

A \$100.00 protest fee must be submitted with a written protest within 72 hours to the league office to make the protest official. The \$100.00 protest fee is refunded if the protest is allowed.

Judgment calls of Umpires are not eligible for protest.
Only rule interpretations, age and pitching violations can be under protest.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Head Coaches are responsible for the actions of all Coaches, Players and Parents of their team.

All Players, Coaches, Parents and Fans are expected to behave in a Sportsmanlike manner at all times.

Any player, coach, parent or fan, whose conduct is unbecoming or abusive will, at minimum be warned and may be removed from the playing field and/or complex at the discretion of the umpires.

Foul or abusive language will not be tolerated at any time. Cursing or throwing of equipment will be an automatic ejection.

If a coach or team will not restrain and control its players, coaches, parents and fans, the players, coaches or team involved may be banned from league play for the season and possibly for the following year if deemed severe.

Taunting of any kind against the other team will not be tolerated. Players and or coaches that take part in this will be removed from the game and park by the umpires immediately and will also serve another game suspension or if severe, may be banned from league play for a time to be determined by the league.

The level of competition sometimes is high and all must exercise restraint and keep a cool head.

Please remember that we all do this for the game and the kids. Let's not lose sight of that fact during the course of a game.

Coaches should keep a copy of this rulebook and the OHSAA rulebook with them at all games.

Thank you for playing in the COYBL League. We hope you, your team and your fans have an enjoyable season.

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RE: Grandfathered 2011 Easton USSSA Bats

Doug,
The grandfathered USSSA bats with 2 5/8" and 2 3/4' barrels from the Easton 2011 product line that may be without the USSSA 2012 thumbprint are the following Model Names:

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SURGE
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RAMPAGE

Thank you for your support of Columbus area youth baseball.

Jerry Herrick- area representative Easton Sports

2012 Pitch Count Limit Rule for The Central Ohio Youth Baseball League

COYBL has decided to continue with a pitch count/limit rule for this upcoming season. COYBL has developed as precise a program as realistically possible to ensure the long-term safety of our players.

We are asking coaches to forward this information to their team's parents so they can also be aware of the dangers of over-pitching young players. Because we have no ability or authority to police activities outside the regular COYBL season, our goal is to educate coaches, parents, and players so pitchers will remain safe from arm injury through-out their entire career.

Procedure:

Because the purpose of a pitch count limit rule is to protect young pitchers and prevent coaches from practicing a win at any cost mentality; the following procedures have been adopted by COYBL. It is vital that coaches follow these procedures precisely and with the player's safety in mind. This rule is for COYBL league play only.

1. Prior to the start of each game, communicate with the opposing team as to who is eligible to pitch and how many pitches each pitcher has available to throw. This information will be written on the line-up card and exchanged before the game starts. Inaccurate or false information given to an opposing coach can lead to disciplinary actions by COYBL
2. Each pitch thrown in the game counts towards the pitch count total. Warm-up pitches and a throw over to a base do not count toward the pitch count total. *A guide to as if a pitch should count toward the pitch count total is if an umpire makes a call on the pitch then it should count toward the total of pitches thrown{ball, strike, foul ball, fair ball, ball four, hit batter, foul tip, etc.}.*
3. Per Nations Baseball rule IX, section C, #14, an intentional walk is granted upon request. Since a pitch is not thrown, although a ball is called by the umpire, the 4 balls called by the umpire during the intentional walk do not count toward the pitch count total.
4. Pitch count totals will be tallied on the official COYBL pitch count log form. It is suggested the count be maintained by an assistant coach, the score keeper, or a parent. *The log forms can be downloaded and printed from the COYBL web site. There is room for information to be documented on each sheet for ten pitchers. There is a black line dividing the sheet into two halves. The top half of the form for one team and the bottom half for the other team. If needed more than one form can be used per game.*

5. Pitch count totals will be compared and verified accurate after each completed inning. The home team will be responsible for keeping the official count. If a difference in the pitch count total is recognized, try to resolve the difference in a civil non-confrontational manner. If an inconsistency of pitch counting is repeated inning after inning or a person becomes confrontational, the home plate umpire will be notified along with the league director. A protest can be filed following COYBL league Protest Procedures found in our rule book.

The league director will monitor teams who are consistently reported for having disputed pitch count totals during a game or have a pattern of being confrontational. The league director can institute a ruling and assess a penalty, if the director feels a pattern of confrontational behavior or disputed counts are in bad faith and are an attempt to cheat the pitch count limit rule.

6. As a pitcher approaches his maximum daily pitch count limit, insure the opposing team and home plate umpire are made aware of the fact. When the maximum daily pitch count limit is reached, announce that the limit has been reached. At that time the pitcher will be removed from the game. *Coaches are encouraged to know when a pitcher is close to reaching his maximum daily pitch count limit so another pitcher can be properly warmed-up.*

EXCEPTION RULE: If a pitcher reaches his maximum daily pitch count limit while actively pitching to a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch to that batter until any one of the following conditions occurs: a.) The batter reaches base, b.) The batter is put out, c.) The third out is made to complete the half-inning. *This exception will cause the pitcher to exceed the pitch count limit by most likely a few pitches. This exception will most likely be the norm rather than an exception.*

7. A pitcher may be removed from a game at any time prior to reaching his maximum daily pitch count limit. The pitcher's total pitch count for that game will then be used to determine his pitching eligibility for the coming days. *If a coach wants to limit a pitcher's total pitch count so that the pitcher can be used in future games, the situation may arise when a pitcher needs to be removed from a game while actively facing a batter and not finishing that at bat.*

8. Pitchers, of all ages, may only pitch two consecutive days. To be eligible to pitch a second consecutive day, the pitcher is limited to 25 or fewer pitches the first day. The following day that same pitcher has a maximum daily pitch count limit 40 pitches for U9 to U12 and 45 pitches for U13 and u14.

In all cases, a pitcher who throws two consecutive days must rest two days before his next appearance.

EXCEPTION RULE: The exception rule in #6 applies to the second consecutive day's maximum daily pitch count limit of 40 pitches for U9 to U12 and 45 pitches for U13 and u14.

9. At the conclusion of every game, teams are to compare and verify the accuracy of the pitch count totals for each pitcher. A coach from each team will sign both teams' pitch count limit log sheet confirming the accuracy of the totals. It is the responsibility of each team to immediately report the pitch count totals for their team's pitchers to the COYBL web site. Failure to post the pitch count totals within 24 hours of the game's completion will result in disciplinary actions by COYBL as described in the penalties section of this rule.

10. It is the responsibility of both teams to verify the accuracy of the score and the pitch count totals entered by the opposing team and report any discrepancies to the league director.

11. Once a player is removed from the mound he may not return to the pitcher position in that game.

12. A pitcher may pitch in more than one game in a day as long as the maximum daily pitch count limit is not exceeded. If pitching in both games of a double header, the pitch count total from the first will be added to the pitches thrown in the second game to total the daily pitch count.

13. Pitches delivered in a game declared a "Suspended Game" shall be charged against the pitcher's eligibility. The pitch count of the suspended game must be reported to the COYBL website as described in # 9. No matter the day the suspended game is resumed, the pitch count/limit chart shall be followed to determine a pitcher's eligibility. If the pitcher that was pitching when a game was declared a suspended game is now ineligible to pitch due to the pitch count limit rule, a different pitcher will need to be inserted to finish the suspended game.

** Research has shown that a player which has been removed from the pitcher position should not play the catcher position in the same day. This is a recommendation, **not a COYBL rule.***

PENALTY FOR RULES VIOLATION:

Violation of any rule listed above will be dealt with by COYBL in the most serious manner. Following the above listed rules is not an option. They are mandatory so that we ensure the safety of our players. COYBL is encouraging all coaches, parents, and umpires to work together in understanding and interpreting these rules. If the penalties appear to be severe, they are purposely designed that way to discourage any thought of breaking a pitch count limit rule. It is COYBL's hope that we will never have to hand down a penalty to any coach or team. We would like to say at the end of every season that no team has been penalized for breaking a pitch count limit rule because the safety of our players is our biggest responsibility.

Penalty Progression Scale:

Head coaches are ultimately responsible for accurate and timely reporting of their team's pitch count totals to COYBL as described in the procedure section.

1st Offense: If a head coach is found to have exceeded a pitcher's limit through late or inaccurate reporting, he will be notified that his actions have been recorded by the league and a warning will be given.

2nd Offense: If a head coach is found to have exceeded a pitcher's limit through late or inaccurate reporting for a second time, the team will forfeit their two most recent wins. If a team does not have two wins at the time of the infraction, the team will forfeit their wins as they occur to total two games.

3rd Offense: If a head coach is found to have exceeded a pitcher's limit through late or inaccurate reporting for a third time, the team will forfeit two games in the manner described above and the team will not be eligible to win their division or league. Plus the head coach will be given a two game suspension to be served per league rules.

4th Offense: If the head coach is found to have exceeded a pitcher's limit through late or inaccurate reporting for a fourth time, the coach will be suspended for the remainder of the season and serve a one year league suspension from the time of the fourth offense. Re-instatement into COYBL will be at the league's discretion.

Group A**U 13 & U-14**

1 - 25 pitches

Day Pitched	Available to Pitch
Monday	Tuesday
Tuesday	Wednesday
Wednesday	Thursday
Thursday	Friday
Friday	Saturday
Saturday	Sunday
Sunday	Monday

Group B

26-45 pitches

Day Pitched	Available to Pitch
Monday	Wednesday
Tuesday	Thursday
Wednesday	Friday
Thursday	Saturday
Friday	Sunday
Saturday	Monday
Sunday	Tuesday

Group C

46-65 pitches

Day Pitched	Available to Pitch
Monday	Thursday
Tuesday	Friday
Wednesday	Saturday
Thursday	Sunday
Friday	Monday
Saturday	Tuesday
Sunday	Wednesday

Group D

66-80 pitches

Day Pitched	Available to Pitch
Monday	Friday
Tuesday	Saturday
Wednesday	Sunday
Thursday	Monday
Friday	Tuesday
Saturday	Wednesday
Sunday	Thursday

Group E

revised 11/4/09

81-95 pitches

Day Pitched	Available to Pitch
Monday	Saturday
Tuesday	Sunday
Wednesday	Monday
Thursday	Tuesday
Friday	Wednesday
Saturday	Thursday
Sunday	Friday

U 11 & U-12

1 - 25 pitches

Day Pitched	Available to Pitch
Monday	Tuesday
Tuesday	Wednesday
Wednesday	Thursday
Thursday	Friday
Friday	Saturday
Saturday	Sunday
Sunday	Monday

26-40 pitches

Day Pitched	Available to Pitch
Monday	Wednesday
Tuesday	Thursday
Wednesday	Friday
Thursday	Saturday
Friday	Sunday
Saturday	Monday
Sunday	Tuesday

41-55 pitches

Day Pitched	Available to Pitch
Monday	Thursday
Tuesday	Friday
Wednesday	Saturday
Thursday	Sunday
Friday	Monday
Saturday	Tuesday
Sunday	Wednesday

56-70 pitches

Day Pitched	Available to Pitch
Monday	Friday
Tuesday	Saturday
Wednesday	Sunday
Thursday	Monday
Friday	Tuesday
Saturday	Wednesday
Sunday	Thursday

71-85 pitches

Day Pitched	Available to Pitch
Monday	Saturday
Tuesday	Sunday
Wednesday	Monday
Thursday	Tuesday
Friday	Wednesday
Saturday	Thursday
Sunday	Friday

U 9 & U-10

1 - 25 pitches

Day Pitched	Available to Pitch
Monday	Tuesday
Tuesday	Wednesday
Wednesday	Thursday
Thursday	Friday
Friday	Saturday
Saturday	Sunday
Sunday	Monday

U-10

26-40 pitches

Day Pitched	Available to Pitch
Monday	Wednesday
Tuesday	Thursday
Wednesday	Friday
Thursday	Saturday
Friday	Sunday
Saturday	Monday
Sunday	Tuesday

41-55 pitches

Day Pitched	Available to Pitch
Monday	Thursday
Tuesday	Friday
Wednesday	Saturday
Thursday	Sunday
Friday	Monday
Saturday	Tuesday
Sunday	Wednesday

56-65 pitches

Day Pitched	Available to Pitch
Monday	Friday
Tuesday	Saturday
Wednesday	Sunday
Thursday	Monday
Friday	Tuesday
Saturday	Wednesday
Sunday	Thursday

66-75 pitches

Day Pitched	Available to Pitch
Monday	Saturday
Tuesday	Sunday
Wednesday	Monday
Thursday	Tuesday
Friday	Wednesday
Saturday	Thursday
Sunday	Friday

COYBL Pitch Count Log Sheet

Home Team's signature _____
 Visitor Team's signature _____

Team _____ Opponent _____ Date _____

Pitcher's Name	Uniform Number	Cross out the number as that pitch is thrown.																																		
		O Circle the number for the last pitch thrown in each half-inning.																																		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
		36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
		71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105