

**Fort Bragg Youth Sports
10U Boys' Baseball Rules
Spring 2018**

CYS Sports will adhere to the regulations administered by the National Federation of State High School Associations with exception of the following rules and provisions found in the CYS Code of Conduct.

1. Games will last six (6) innings or 90 minutes, whichever comes first. When a game reaches the time limit during a given inning, that inning will be completed before the game is called.
2. 11 run rule – If the home team has an 11 run lead at the top of the sixth inning, the game is over. If the visiting team has an 11 run lead at the top of the sixth inning or at any time in the sixth inning, the game is over.
3. All Bat Line-Up: At the beginning of each game, the coach will develop a batting rotation which includes all the players who are present. This rotation will be followed throughout the game. A player does not have to play defense in an inning to bat in that inning.
4. The half inning is over after a team has either batted ten players, scored six runs, or after the third out. When a team has batted through the 9th batter, the offensive coach will make it known to the umpire that the 10th batter is at bat. The plate umpire will inform all the coaches and players of the 10th batter.
5. PITCHERS:

(a) Any player on a regular season team may pitch. (**NOTE:** There is no limit to the number of pitchers a team may use in a game.)

(b) A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return as a pitcher.

(c) The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches 75 pitches, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position:

Exception: If a pitcher reaches the limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: 1. That batter reaches base; 2. That batter is put out; 3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning. **Note 1: A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day. Note 2: Any player who has played the position of catcher in four or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.**

(d) Pitchers league age 14 **and under** must adhere to the following rest requirements:

- * If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- * If a player pitches 51-65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- * If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- * If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- * If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.

(e) The scorekeeper is designated as the official pitch count recorder.

(f) The pitch count recorder must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either manager or any umpire. **However, the manager is responsible for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed.**

(g) The official pitch count recorder should inform the umpire-in-chief when a pitcher has delivered his/her maximum limit of pitches for the game. The umpire-in-chief will inform the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed. **However, the failure by the pitch count recorder to notify the umpire-in-chief, and/or the failure of the umpire-in- chief to notify the manager, does not relieve the manager of his/her responsibility to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible.**

(h) Violation of any section of this regulation can result in protest of the game in which it occurs.

(i) A player may not pitch in more than one game in a day.

NOTES:

1. The withdrawal of an ineligible pitcher after that pitcher is announced, or after a warm-up pitch is delivered, but before that player has pitched a ball to a batter, shall **not** be considered a violation. League officials are urged to take precautions to prevent protests. When a protest situation is imminent, the potential offender should be notified immediately.
2. Pitches delivered in games declared "Regulation Tie Games" or "Suspended Games" shall be charged against pitcher's eligibility.
3. In suspended games resumed on another day, the pitchers of record at the time the game was halted may continue to pitch to the extent of their eligibility for that day, provided said pitcher has observed the required days of rest.

Example 1: A league age 10 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes on the following Thursday. The pitcher is not eligible to pitch in the resumption of the game because he/she has not observed the required days of rest.

Example 2: A league age 10 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes on Saturday. The pitcher is eligible to pitch up to 75 more pitches in the resumption of the game because he/she has observed the required days of rest.

Example 3: A league age 10 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes two weeks later. The pitcher is eligible to pitch up to 75 more pitches in the resumption of the game, provided he/she is eligible based on his/her pitching record during the previous four days.

Note: The use of this regulation negates the concept of the “calendar week” with regard to pitching eligibility.

6. Base Coaches at 1st and 3rd must be adults. Youth may not be used as bat retrievers.
7. Mandatory Playing Time: Each player must play at least two (2) innings, unless the eleven - run rule occurs. If a game ends before a player gets to participate in two innings, he/she must start the following game.
8. The balk rule WILL BE enforced. Coaches are encouraged to teach pitchers accordingly.
9. There will be no leading off. Runners are required to stay on base until the pitch crosses home plate.
10. Batters cannot run on the third strike.
11. This league plays with 9 players per team. If teams have less than eight at the beginning of the game, coaches may borrow players or agree to play with fewer players. The team with deficient numbers will be awarded a loss for that game; however the game will still be played (using the aforementioned methods). Efforts will always be made to provide a game situation for those participants who “show-up,” for games.
12. Score will be kept in 10U Baseball
13. Game balls will be provided by Youth Sports

RESTRICTED AREA: For safety reasons, there will be no parking at the area around the ball fields at Albritton Middle School. All vehicles will utilize the parking lot.