

2017 PYBSA Majors (11/12 year old) Rules

- 1) "O" Zone play rules and field set up. Base runners may lead off at any time.
- 2) A complete game is six (6) innings, or four (4) innings after a time limit of 1 hour and 20 minutes. No time limit for starting an inning – if there is time left, the next inning will be started.
- 3) The first 3 innings will have a four (4) run limit; no limit innings 4–6. Ten run limit mercy rule after 4 complete innings.
- 4) (9) players will play the field. A fourth outfielder may be used to aid with substitution. Free defensive substitution, except pitchers will follow Dixie Youth rules. All players should play at least six (6) defensive outs – penalty is a forfeit of game. See Protest Rules Below. A game will be a forfeit if a team cannot field nine (9) players within 15 minutes after game time. A team can begin a game with (8) players and one (1) Minors player may be used to reach the minimum number of required players.
- 5) The batting line up will consist of the entire roster for the duration of the game.
- 6) Dixie Youth pitching rules apply. Pitch count rules will be used – see additional rules concerning pitch count limits on Page 68-69 of the DYB rule book. Pitchers are limited to six (6) innings per week. One pitch is considered an inning. Plan accordingly. See Protest rules at the bottom.
- 7) After each game, coaches are responsible for signing the scorekeeper's book (pitching record). If the scorebook is not signed by the coach being protested, it cannot be disputed later by that coach. If the coach protesting does not sign the book it cannot be protested.
- 8) Coaches are required to use a 11 year old pitcher and a 12 year old pitcher for a minimum of 1 inning in each game. An 11 and 12 year old pitcher must get three outs or give up the run limit to be counted as an inning. Once a 11 and a 12 year old have pitched a full inning any age pitcher is available to pitch. This will develop pitching for both age groups.
- 9) A head first slide will result in an automatic out, unless the player is going back to a bag. If possible, a runner must try to avoid contact with a fielder making a play on a live ball. A runner must try to avoid contact, or slide, at a base where a tagged play is being made.
- 10) Courtesy runners may be used for the pitcher and catcher. The last out determines the replacement runner.
- 11) The infield fly rule will be in effect.
- 12) All batters must have a helmet - facemask and chinstrap are optional.

All rules not covered will be covered by the official District 8 Dixie Youth Rules & Regulations.

In order to protest a game, you must let the umpire know you are protesting the game and it should be noted in the official score book. The game will continue to be played. You must submit your protest in writing within 24 hours and include a \$50 protest fee. If you win your protest, the \$50 will be refunded back to you. If you lose your protest, the \$50 will be donated to the Dixie Scholarship Fund for boys and girls