



Tadpole Rules

Equipment

- Helmet – chinstraps MUST be worn and done up
- Helmets are not to be removed until the runner/batter is inside the dugout
- Jock/Jill is mandatory
- No shorts. Long pants or baseball pants must be worn at games and practices
- Runners or baseball cleats
- glove

Game Procedures

- Each team must provide their own scorekeeper; the home team is the official scorekeeper and timekeeper
- At the end of each game, the official scorekeeper is to verify with the visiting team's scorekeeper, the score and pitch counts
- Game 1.5 hrs
 - No new innings started after 1.25 hrs.
 - Leave 10 minutes for the base race to finish by 1.5 hrs
- **Home team is the dugout down third base**
 - **Prepares the field – open dugouts, rake infield, bring out bases and pitching machine, supply balls**
- Away team is the dugout down 1st base
 - **Breaks down the field – rake field or use the tractor, put away all the supplies, lock dugouts**

Rainouts

- Coaches cannot call games off because of the weather or field conditions. Only the President or Vice-President of LBA have the authority

Game Play

- Everyone in the line up bats
- No player may sit off for 2 consecutive defensive innings. All players must sit once during a game before another player sits twice, similarly, all players must sit twice before any player sits 3 times (unless for disciplinary reasons). You must inform the



opposition coach of a disciplined player(s). If you do have a disciplined player, you must also speak to the President or Vice-President of LBA Baseball.

- All players must play the infield for a minimum of 2 innings and the outfield for a minimum of 1 inning per game
- All players must play both an infield and outfield position in a game. No player may play more than 2 innings in the same position except for the catcher, who may play a maximum of 3 innings per game
- 10 players are allowed on the field during defensive play, the extra player is to be a 4th outfielder
- If a player leaves a game because of an injury or an emergency, that player will be scratched from the line up and the team will not be penalized
- Players who arrive late will be added to the line up

Hitting

- The 'on deck' batter must be in the 'on deck' circle behind the batter up to bat
- No bunting allowed
- All teams will take their last bats, no matter what the score is. There is no mercy rule in effect

Pitching

- At 42'
- Pitching machine will be used exclusively at the start of the season, then will proceed with the ratio below.
- Coaches for the hitting team operate the pitching machine
- **5 balls from the pitching machine per batter**
- No walks with the pitching machine, if there is no hit after 5 reasonable pitches, the batter is out
- Maximum of 3 runs scored during innings pitched with the machine
- **Following May Long Weekend – kid pitching begins**
 - Games will start with the first 2 innings of only kid pitch
 - After the first 2 innings, the pitching machine resumes
- **Pitching Continued:**
 - Ideally, second year players pitch to prepare for the next year
 - *All players may only pitch 1 inning per game (maximum of 25 pitches)*
 - Any pitcher who delivers 1 pitch to a batter shall be considered to have pitched 1 inning
 - **Maximum of 2 runs scored during kid pitched innings**



- The pitcher may pitch from the “set position” without coming to a full stop before deliver. No “balk balls” will be called against the pitcher
- If a batter is hit by a pitched ball, the batter is awarded first base
- Any pitcher who hits 2 batters must be removed from the pitching mound

Base Running

- No stealing bases
- No taking an extra base on an over-throw
- Batter and base runners will not take more than 1 extra base on a hit (if the hit is in the outfield)
- No lead offs
- No headfirst sliding (runner will be called out)
- The slide or avoid rule is in effect
- The batter can not run on a 3rd strike that is dropped by the catcher
- Catcher interference rule is in effect. No pitch is to be called. One warning to be issued to the catcher and if interference occurs again, the batter will be awarded 1st base

Reminder

This is a development league for ALL players to gain techniques in all areas of the game. The expectation of the Coaches is to develop ALL players fairly while maintaining team building skills and positive confidence building techniques!