

# Berlin Riverside Classic

## 8U Boys Baseball Tournament Rules

Berlin Youth Baseball & Softball (BYBS)

[berlinyouthsports.org/bybs](http://berlinyouthsports.org/bybs)

June 24, 2023 (Rain Makeup June 25<sup>th</sup>)

### Tournament Rules:

- Little League rules apply with the following exceptions.

### Player Eligibility:

- Team Roster may consist of 15 players. All rosters must be turned in to the BYBS food table or a BYBS official before your first game. Only players listed on the roster can participate.
- A player cannot reach his/her 9<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to **April 30, 2023**. Games played with an ineligible player will be declared a forfeit. Any forfeits will be scored 6-0.

### Game Rules:

- In pool play games, home team is determined by a coin toss. The team that traveled the farthest calls the coin flip. In playoff games, higher seed is home team based on tie breaker rules.
- Home team will be the official scorekeeper if one is not available.
- Teams should arrive no less than 30 minutes prior to their scheduled game time.
- A minimum of 8 players is required to start a game. Less than 8 is a forfeit.
- 15-run rule after 3 innings (2 ½ innings for the home team) and 10-run rule after 4 innings (3 ½ innings for the home team).
- Maximum of six (6) runs per inning, except the last inning which is unlimited.
- Games will be 6 innings in length or by time. No new inning will start after 1 hour and 15 minutes. There is 1 hour and 30 minutes between game start times. Official time will be kept by the umpires.
- The championship game (the game for 1<sup>st</sup> place) will have no time limit.
- Tie game after time has expired will go into an extra inning(s) with last out from the previous inning starting at second base and one out. Full inning will be played. Additional innings will be played if the game remains tied at the end of the inning.
- The tournament committee reserves the right to shorten, alter, or cancel games if weather or time do not permit completion in a timely manner.
- Teams must bat their entire roster with unlimited defensive substitutions. If a player is injured during a game they will skip his spot in the batting order and there will not be an out given.

### Defensive Rules:

- Teams will play 10 in the field, 4 players in the outfield grass when the ball crosses the plate.
- Infield fly rule will not be in effect.
- Dropped third strike rule will NOT be in play.
- A runner who fails to "tag up" will be called out by the umpire. This must be witnessed by the umpire, and there are no appeals.
- One coach (in addition to the pitching coach) is allowed on the field during defensive innings. This coach should be positioned in the outfield and should not interfere with a ball in play.

### Pitching Rules:

- Coaches will pitch (non-electric machine is optional but actual coach pitch is strongly preferred)
- The pitch must be thrown from inside the pitching circle.
- The pitching coach cannot field the ball and should make all efforts to avoid interfering with play.
- A batter will receive a maximum of 6 pitches. A batter is out after 3 swinging strikes.
- If the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and any subsequent pitch is fouled, the batter gets an additional pitch.
- There will be no walks and no hit by pitch.
- If a pitching coach hits the batter with a pitch, it is considered a dead ball and a “no-pitch”. No runners can advance and the batter will resume their at-bat with the same count as before.
- A batted ball that hits the pitching coach will be considered a dead ball and a “no-pitch”. No runners can advance and the batter will resume their at-bat with the same count as before. If it is determined the pitching coach intentionally interfered with the ball the batter will be called out.
- The defensive team’s pitcher should be situated within the chalk circle before the pitch.

### Baserunning Rules:

- Stealing is not allowed.
- Runners cannot leave the base until the ball crosses home plate. A runner leaving early will be called out (no warning).
- A runner who misses a base will be called out by the umpire. This must be witnessed by the umpire, and there are no appeals.
- Runners can only advance on hit balls. Runners can continue to advance after a hit only until the ball is controlled by any defensive infielder. Once the infielder has possession and control of the ball, runners not to the half-way mark must return to the previous base, and runners at the half-way mark or farther will finish their advance to that one base.
- Base runners must avoid contact with fielders. Runners must slide on any close plays. Failure to do so will result in the runner being called out. Intentionally running into a fielder will result in the player’s removal from the game.
- When advancing, base runners must slide feet first into a base or they will be called out (with the exception of diving head first back into a base).
- You can have a courtesy runner (optional) for the catcher if there are two outs. The courtesy runner will be the player who made the last out.
- On throws where the ball travels out of play (in the dugout, over the fence, under the fence) all runners will be awarded 2 bases (the base they were already traveling to plus 1 additional).  
Examples: A throw to 1<sup>st</sup> base that goes into the dugout allows the batter to advance to 2<sup>nd</sup> base (batter was going to 1<sup>st</sup> gets 2<sup>nd</sup>). An overthrow on a play to 3B that goes over the fence allows the runner to advance to home (runner was going to 3<sup>rd</sup> and gets home).

### Batting Rules:

- Approved Bats: Any. Swing what you bring!
- No tees will be used for batters.
- A batter who strikes out cannot advance to first under any circumstance.
- No bunting.
- All players must wear a batting helmet while on deck, batting, or running the bases. One batter can be in the on-deck circle at a time.
- A player throwing their bat (wildly propelled more than 6 feet after a hit, at the umpire’s discretion) will be automatically out, play will be immediately stopped, and no runners can advance.
- Fair balls hit to the outfield that roll under the fence are considered ground-rule doubles.

#### Coach, Player, and Fan Code of Conduct:

- All teams, coaches, players, and families will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike and positive manner. This includes exercising self-control, graciously accepting outcomes of games, and treating all teams, players, coaches, umpires, and families with courtesy and respect.
- Berlin Youth Baseball & Softball (BYBS) will not tolerate inappropriate behavior by any participant or attendee, including actions such as profanity, violence, abuse, vulgar gestures, inappropriate comments, dangerous actions such as throwing bats/helmets/balls, or threats made against others. Any person engaging in this activity will be removed from the premises. No warnings will be given.
- There are NO protests. Respect the umpires. Umpire's decisions are final. One coach may discuss the rules with the umpire, keeping in mind the intent and spirit of the tournament. Coaches are also responsible for their own players & player families in keeping the positive spirit of the tournament.
- A full concession will be provided. Please support the organization and avoid carry-ins. No alcohol on premises for the youth tournaments.

#### General Rules:

- A manager or a coach may not leave the dugout area except to confer with one of his players, or the umpire. This must be done by calling time-out that is granted by the umpire.
- A complete rain-out of the tournament will result in a 50% entry fee refund.
- A partial rain-out of the tournament will result in the champion being determined by the tournament committee.
- In case of rain delays, the tournament committee reserves the right to shorten game times to get back on schedule.
- Tie Breakers: 1.) Record 2.) Head-to-Head 3.) Least runs allowed 4.) Most runs scored 5.) Coin flip
- Berlin Youth Baseball & Softball (BYBS) and tournament sponsors are not liable for injuries occurring during or as result of this tournament.
- No metal spikes.
- No coaches or players are allowed directly behind the backstop/home-plate during a game they are participating in.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER TO HAVE FUN AND REMEMBER THIS TOURNAMENT IS FOR THE YOUTH!**