

Union County CYO Baseball Rules 2010



Archdiocesan CYO Office - Baseball Rules

All 2009 Clarifications/ Additions have been **BOLDED** and **UNDERLINED**

***ROSTERS:** A minimum of 11 players must be listed on the roster. There will be no restrictions on maximum listing.

1. All weekday games should start promptly at 4:00pm or before if possible. Forfeit time will be 15 minutes. Please use good judgment and common sense. **DUE TO WEEKEND GAMES** time variations will occur, **HOWEVER** the forfeit time (15 min) will remain the same in order to avoid forfeitures. Teams must notify the CYO office three days before the scheduled game provided an unforeseen conflict of a serious nature with school or parish schedules occurs. Second forfeit games disqualify team from the league play.

2. Four and one-half innings will be official game should the umpire call it, provided the home team is winning. However, if the home team is losing – the game must have five complete innings. If any game ends in a TIE after the allotted time curfew, or due to weather conditions, the game will be rescheduled and played from the start as soon as possible. This is necessary so that the league makes a maximum effort for every team to play all its games. Maximum effort should be taken to play all games scheduled.

3. Time Curfew: If there is field availability, **NO** curfew will be in force. **If another team is waiting to come onto the field no inning can start 2 ½ hours from the start of the game.**

4. Postponements due to inclement weather , **CALL RICH DONOVAN** at 908-447-4948, or 908-709-1930

5. If a game should be called for rain, accommodation of others scheduled on the field, etc., then the score reverts back to the last completed inning. If it is an official game, and it rains, it is official. If it is not an official game, and not a **NON ACT** of God's termination, the game will be played at a later date beginning from the exact point of termination if an official game were not played.

6. An EH may be used in the batting order. However, it is optional. The EH cannot play the field as a defensive player. A team may choose, if they wish, to bat ALL PLAYERS, however only 10 (standard nine plus the extra outfielder – if you choose to use him) players may play the field. Free

substitution is allowed for all players except the pitcher. Batting Order must stay the same.

7. If a player is truly injured or hurt missing his spot in the batting order would not constitute and out. All other absences in the batting order will be charged an out.

8. No game will be started if the temperature registers below 38 degrees F., except with the MUTUAL consent of both coaches. If mutual agreement is attained the game start-game play goes directly into the hands of the chief umpire.

9. MERCY RULES ... An Offensive team may score no more than 10 runs per inning. Once ten has been obtained the teams will switch. If a team after batting for the third time is down by 15 runs the game will be called. If after 4 ½ inning a team is up 10 runs the game will also be called.

10. If a game must be called due to rain, curfew, darkness, etc., and the legal limit of 4 ½ innings (see Rule #2) has not been attained, the game will be considered legal if one team has a ten (10) run advantage. Each team must come to bat at least once.

11. Metal spike shoes will be permitted if a team chooses to, to alleviate players needed to buy special equipment for the league. Batter must wear protective helmet while batting and running bases. Catcher must wear full equipment (catchers cup) including protective helmet behind the bat. Teams must supply batting helmets.

12. Each team will supply one new baseball at the beginning of the game. Only the following designated balls are acceptable: American League, National League, Rawling ORA or RON. If more balls are needed, the teams will alternate supplying additional balls to the game. **The Home team will supply the first such ball and the bases for the game.**

13. All teams must have their own defensive catcher's equipment.

14. Stealing and leading are allowed.

15. Bunting is allowed.

16. Jewelry of no kind is permitted. All medical bracelets must be taped down.

17. Uniforms: **Pitchers cannot wear white sleeved undershirts**, as it affects the hitters vision to pick up the ball when thrown.

18. PITCHING Information

- a. Limit of one visit per pitcher per inning.
- b. Maximum of four visits per pitcher per game.
- c. Extra inning games each team has one per inning.

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- d. A relief pitcher starts without any conference record.
- e. **A pitcher, who is removed from the game they CANNOT return as a pitcher in that game.**
- f. Pitcher is entitled to 8 warm up pitching practices to the start of an inning or relief.

This rule is non-comprising and cannot be changed to speed up the game.
NOTE: The second conference to the same pitcher in any inning or the fifth in an even inning game results in the pitcher being removed as a pitcher for the remainder of the game.

19. Offensive charged conference:

- a. one per inning

20. Umpire decision on game starting and ending time will be final.

21. Umpire has final decision on ground rules.

22. The coaching staff (coach, assistant coach) will be the only ones allowed to discuss a decision with the umpire. All other players will remain in position and players on the team at bat will remain on the sidelines. Failure to observe this rule will be considered unsportsman like action and can be referred to the county office.

23. Failure of umpire to show: The game may be umpired by someone competent to both teams and the game gets underway with the umpire chosen. Substitute umpire agreed upon by both teams, there is no ground for protest.

24. Regarding postponements on day of inclement weather - call the coach or the league **coordinator in the early morning after 8am**

25. Each parish moderator is responsible for eligibility of participants. All ineligible players and all adults who allow them to compete will be liable at the County Directors discretion, to suspension for one year.

26. If a team drops out before the first half of the season: No games count that were played. If they drop out after first half of season, all games played count, but the remaining games become forfeit wins for the opposition.

27. **DISCIPLINE:** If a coach or player gets ejected from a game, he will not be permitted to finish out the games and will automatically be ineligible for the following two (2) games, refer to CYO Policy on discipline.

28. ALL CYO activities should be open to all members of a Parish, not solely students of a school. Insurance on players is the direct responsibility of the sponsoring parish. Each player should have a physical examination before being permitted to play.

29. Two Ejections by either a player or a coach will result in that person being ejected for the season.

Bat Size

The recommended bat size is a minus 3, minus 5, or minus 8. Please take into consideration the size and strength of your players when selecting bats. We want to try and avoid harming the pitcher, but also the batter

Minimum number to play will be 7 players (3 infielders 2 outfielders, 1 pitcher, 1 catcher)

Home team must provide bases

Batting helmets.. batting helmets must be worn by batter, and all offensive players in the bases. Helmets with cages are optional.

Umpire Fees... each team will the Umpire \$30.00 prior to the start of the game.

Any circumstance not covered in the above rules will be first resolved by consulting NJSIAA rules for high school and if not covered, a decision by the CYO Office will be final..