

Berlin Baseball Coach Pitch Rules 2008

Summary of important playing rules. All Little League rules are followed, except for any significant differences, which are noted below.

Safety

1. NO jewelry, metal cleats or casts
2. Male players who play catcher **must** wear an athletic support cup.
3. All batters, runners and player base coaches **must** wear approved helmets.
4. No on-deck batters. Bats can not be touched by any player until the player who is up has completed his at-bat. ”
5. Runners should slide **or** attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag.
6. Runners should never slide headfirst while advancing.
7. Players are not allowed to play catch during the game.
8. Players without the ball may not impede the runner s progress.
9. Prior to game, home **field** team is responsible for calling a game due to weather/field conditions and should notify opponents as soon as possible. Once game starts, it s up to both coaches.

Conduct

1. Good sportsmanship and behavior is expected from players, coaches and parents.
2. No throwing of equipment is allowed.
3. Full uniforms must be worn (including hat).
4. Post game: sportsmanlike handshakes by players **and** coaches; pick up dugouts!

General/Game Preliminaries

1. Coaches are expected to know and abide by all rules.
2. Teams should be ready to play at the scheduled time.
3. No batting practice before the game
4. Home team supplies game balls.
5. A game may start and continue with any number of players. Players arriving late are placed at bottom of the batting order.
6. Coaches are encouraged to take the field with the team.

Games

1. Games are 1 hour and 30 minutes long or typically 4 innings. You may play extra innings if time permits.
2. A batter may advance one base only on infield hit; batter may advance two bases on a hit to outfield.
3. Each team bats once around the order in the first and second innings.
4. If a batter makes an out during the first or second inning they are out and should go back to the bench. Leeway may be used by managers for special circumstances.
5. Third, fourth and any additional innings are played either three outs or once around the order, whichever occurs first. In the event of three outs, the order is resumed from the last player to make an out and NOT restarted at the top.
6. Eight pitches per batter; if batter does not get a hit the batter is out. The batter gets an extra pitch if the 8th pitch is fouled, or all subsequent pitches that are fouled.
7. No walks.
8. No intentional bunts.
9. Runners may NOT advance on an overthrow.
10. Runners may NOT lead off the base or steal any base.
11. Defensive Team 4 infielders, pitcher s mound, catcher, and up to 4 outfielders.
12. No player may play the same infield position for more than two innings in one game.
13. Each team provides its own adult pitcher.
14. Fielding (kid) pitcher must be within 6 feet of pitching rubber (one foot within pitching mound dirt circle)
15. Players aged 7 and above may pitch to an opposing player in the 3rd or subsequent innings, under coach supervision.
16. Player pitchers may pitch from anywhere in front of the pitcher rubber up to infield grass.
17. Player pitch limit is 1 inning or 5 batters (8 pitches x 5 batters = 40 pitches) MAX.
18. Player pitchers who throw 5 poor pitches to a single batter or hit a batter must be replaced with an adult pitcher.