



NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS-SAN ANTONIO

RULES- BASEBALL: MACHINE PITCH

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Objective	The focus is to help players learn the basics of the game and have fun!
Safety	<p>All parents must sign the Covid-19 waiver.</p> <p>Parents should monitor the health of their child and if experiencing symptoms, do not participate in any sporting practice or games. Let NYS know of the presence of symptoms. Get tested for Covid-19 promptly and report results to the program.</p> <p>Social distancing (6ft apart) must be practiced as much as possible. Spectators should sit 6ft.apart while watching the game.</p> <p>Masks are required for all spectators, coaches, players, volunteers, and staff. Players, coaches, and staff in active play do not have to wear the masks. Masks must be worn when social distancing cannot be practiced.</p> <p>Equipment will be sanitized as needed. Limit sharing equipment as much as possible.</p> <p>Use hand sanitizer as much as necessary.</p> <p>No team drinks or snacks should be handed out to limit items coming from different households. Each child is responsible for his/her own drink.</p> <p>For a full list of safety protocols please refer to the Play Safe. Stay Safe-Hygiene Plan.</p>
Sportsmanship	We ask all coaches, parents and officials to be encouraging and positive with the players before, during and after the game. Any unsportsmanship or bad behavior the offending person will be asked to leave the area. Any person ejected will be suspended from participating at the next scheduled game.
Number of Players	Minimum 8 players and maximum of 12 players.
Player Jerseys	<p>NYS supplied jersey and hat; or pre-approved jersey; player must provide pants, gloves, and cleats.</p> <p>No metal cleats, open toed shoes, or jewelry/earrings allowed.</p>
Length of Games	<p>Team listed first on schedule is the home team and occupies the third base dugout. Visiting team occupies the first base dugout and bats first.</p> <p>1 hr. and 15 minutes (Umpire keeps the official game time.)</p> <p>A new inning will not start after 1 hr. and 5 minutes. The game ends after 5 innings or time limit.</p> <p>No intentional delay of game. (Umpire's judgement)</p> <p>No forfeits for this age group.</p>
Score Keeping	<p>No extra innings in case of a tie, except during tournament play.</p> <p>Each team is required to keep score and verify with the umpire.</p>
Parent Volunteers	<p>Required to wear masks especially when 6ft. social distancing cannot be practiced.</p> <p>Only 1 parent volunteer on the field to work the machine pitch.</p> <p>Batting team to provide volunteers at first and third base.</p>



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Sport Specifications	<p>A copy of the batting lineup must be provided to the opposing coach and umpire before game starts. 6 pitches allowed to batter</p> <p>Three strikes equals 1 out.</p> <p>Three outs per inning per team.</p> <p>Foul balls count as strikes.</p> <p>Bats must be USA Baseball or Little League approved-barrel size up to 2-5/8".</p> <p>Bases are 60 feet apart.</p> <p>Machine pitch 40 to 45 feet from the tip of home plate.</p> <p>Speed of the ball is approximately 30 to 35 mph.</p>
Defensive Positions	<p>10 players allowed to play defense; must have 4 outfielders at the edge of the grass line.</p> <p>Pitcher can be off to the side and behind the pitching machine.</p> <p>Catcher position is optional.</p> <p>To stop the base runner from advancing to the next base, defense must hold the ball up in fair territory and on the infield sand. (Example, the ball is hit to outfield, outfielder must throw the ball to infielder in the sand and then infielder holds ball up over their head to stop the play.)</p>
Batting	<p>All batters and base runners must wear a helmet.</p> <p>All team players present for the game must be listed on the batting line up.</p> <p>Any late player arrival must be added to the end of the batting line up.</p> <p>Batting line up must follow in a continuous order throughout the game.</p> <p>Batter may be called out if found batting out of order.</p> <p>Batters may bat through the line up once per inning, except to equal opposing teams batting line up. (If opposing team has 7 players, then 7 players come up to bat.)</p> <p>On deck batter must stay in the deck area, and upcoming batters in the rotation must stay in the dugout.</p> <p>Last batter can round all the bases until tagged out or runner scores.</p> <p>Bunting is allowed.</p> <p>No infield fly rule.</p> <p>Coach must notify when the last batter is up.</p>
Base Running	<p>No stealing home at this age.</p> <p>No leading off base.</p> <p>Sliding is allowed. It is base runner's responsibility to avoid contact with the fielder with the ball.</p> <p>Slide or avoid is in effect at all times when fielder is in possession of the ball.</p> <p>Intentionally running into a fielder, including the catcher who has possession of the ball will result in ejection.</p> <p>Runner on third base must be forced home by walk, hit by a pitch, or advance on a hit ball.</p> <p>Runners may advance only one base on an overthrow. Runner can try for the next base at their own risk. If a play is made and another overthrow occurs, runner may try to advance to the next base.</p>



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	<p>Once the ball is held up over the players head in the infield sand, the play is over. All base runners must return to their previous bases if not at least halfway to the next base. (Umpire's Judgement)</p> <p>Courtesy runners are allowed for pitcher or catcher at any time, but the runner must be the player that made the last out.</p>
Five-Run Rule	<p>No team may increase their lead by more than five runs.</p> <p>There are two ways to end an "At-Bat."</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Increase lead by five runs. (Does not apply to visitor's first at bat.)2. Three outs. <p>Whichever one of the above happens first in a given half inning concludes that half inning immediately.</p>