

# 2016 Long Beach Youth Baseball League Rules

## **Baseball Bats**

Cal Ripken Rule:

- The bat may not exceed 33" in length, and the bat barrel may not exceed 2 1/4" in diameter.
- Only 2 1/4" barrel bats marked BPF 1.15 will be allowed.
- Wood 2 1/4" barrel bats are allowed.

## **Contact Rule**

1. All Cal Ripken Baseball Divisions — If a runner attempting to reach home plate intentionally and maliciously runs into a defensive player in the area of home plate, he will be called out on the play and ejected from the game. The objective of this rule is to penalize the offensive team for crashing the defensive player, rather than trying to reach home plate. Obviously, this is an umpire's judgment call.
2. If a runner attempting to reach home plate or another base intentionally and maliciously runs into a defensive player in the area of home plate or a base, he will be called out and ejected from the game.

## **Fake Bunt - Slash Bunt**

Cal Ripken Division - Fake Bunt - Slash Bunt - A batter is out for illegal action when the player fakes a bunt and then takes a full swing, thus eliminating a player from fake bunting (slap-hitting) the ball. Penalty: Batter is out, the ball is dead, no runners may advance.

## **Long Beach Baseball Division Specific Rules**

### **4-5 T-Ball**

1. Round Robin batting everyinning.
2. Do not keep score or outs.
3. If a player is called out he can remain on base.
4. Play will consist of 3 innings or 45 minutes.
5. All players take the field ondefense.

### **5-6 T-Ball**

1. Every player is in batting line-up.
2. 3 outs and other team bats.
3. 1 hour time limit.
4. If tied after 1 hour. one additional inning will be played. If the game is still tied, the game will end in a tie.
5. Score will be kept for the game and it is the home teams responsibility to maintain the book and the visiting team is responsible of maintaining the scoreboard.
6. Only allowed 6 runs per inning.
7. One player cannot play same position consecutively, for example, John may play pitcher 1st and 3rd and 5th inning, but he cannot cannot play pitcher 1st and 2nd or 4th and 5th inning.

### **Rookie**

1. Every player is in batting line-up.
2. 3 outs and other team bats.
3. Score will be kept for the game and it is the home teams responsibility to maintain the book and the visiting team is responsible of maintaining the scoreboard.

4. 1 hour 15 min time limit.
5. Only allowed 6 runs per inning.
6. International tie breaker rules applies for one inning if the game is tied after time has expired. If after one inning and the game is still tied, the game will end in a tie.
7. Overthrow's in an attempt to make a play, all players can only advance one base. The only exception to this is when the defense tries to make a play at another base.
8. Stealing will be allowed from 2nd to 3rd only, on a pass ball and or dropped ball. A dropped ball is defined as a ball that could have been caught by the catcher but dropped. It is the umpires decision as to whether or not the advanced runner has to go back to the original base.
9. A player may advance from third to home on a thrown ball from the catcher to third base during an attempted steal from second to third. The ball is considered live until the umpire callstime.
10. A ball the umpire calls no pitch cannot be advanced on.
11. Cannot steal home, NO EXCEPTIONS (ref to rule 9).
12. Two pitchers will be allowed.
13. All remaining players may play in the outfield.
14. Machine will be set at 38--42 MPH
15. No bunting.
16. 5 pitches per batter or 3 strikes
17. Run rule 10 after 4 and 8 after 5

### **Minor/Major**

1. Only allowed 6 runs per inning.
2. International tie breaker rules applies for one inning if the game is tied after time has expired. If after one inning and the game is still tied, the game will end in a tie.
3. Run rule 10 after 4 and 8 after 5.
4. Every player is in batting line--up.
5. Each player has to play two innings.

6. Hometeam keepsbook.
7. Visitor team runs score board.
8. Minor league time limit 1 hr 20 min.
9. Major league time limit 1 hr 30 min.
10. Pitchers are limited to six innings per week; The week is defined as Sunday thru Saturday.
11. Minor Division cannot lead off nor steal a base until the catcher has possession of the ball, if the runner leaves early he is to return to his original base. The umpire has the final say as to whether the base stolen was legal.
12. Major Division can lead off and steal bases as defined in normal baseball rules.