

<b>Ceres Youth Baseball Policies and Procedures</b>	
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2018 AMENDED RULES 8's year old boys

2019 AMENDED RULES 8 year old boy

1. All games will be played in accordance with (A) 2019 Official Baseball Rulebook (B) the following amended rules. CYB will follow State Safety and PONY guidelines in regards to bats used, pitching rules, code of conduct, and concussion protocols
2. Everyone will bat in continuous order. Ten players on the field (extra Outfielder)
3. All players will play at least three innings in a six inning game. Open substitution is required, and all players will play on defense every other inning. A child cannot sit out on defense for more than 1 inning at a time, except for disciplinary actions that must be approved by the VP of Baseball prior to the game. Or if he/she is injured or chooses not to play.
4. The umpires will determine who the head coach is prior to each game. Only the head coach displaying his badge can dispute a call during the game. The rulebook must be in coach's possession (no rule book-no discussion). If the head coach doesn't have his badge he should let his assistant coach be designated as the head coach for this game or the umpires will not discuss a call with him. Judgment calls cannot be disputed.
5. A batter is automatically out if the bat is thrown, on the second offense. (One warning per team)
6. .8s will play real baseball, no stoppage of play and NO circle at the mound, Pitcher has choice to throw to base when on mound if a runner is running to next base, If two runners are between the same bases and UMP calls time, the front runner is awarded the next base
7. The batter and all base runners must wear helmets with chinstraps. Metal cleats are not allowed.
8. Each team must have at least seven (7) players for the game to begin
9. A complete game is six (6) innings or 1:45 hours. However, no new inning will begin after an hour and thirty minutes. There is NO DROP DEAD.
10. Games ended by inclement weather, or other reasons beyond league control (lights out, rain etc.) prior to the time limit, will be considered official after 5 innings or 4\_1/2 inning if the home team is in the lead. If a game is stopped prior to it being considered official, it will be played over from the beginning as a new game

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11. There is a five (5) run limit per inning. The 6th inning is an open inning.
12. Both teams will report runs **and # of pitches** thrown to the umpire each half inning. Umpire will maintain the game scorecard. Both coaches upon completion of the game must sign scorecard. Home team will maintain official scorebook, insure sponsor names are on the score sheet.
13. Home team will be determined At begging of game by coin flip
14. Hurry up rule will be in effect meaning that the catcher can be replaced by a pinch runner with two (2) outs in the inning. The pinch runner will be the last BATTED out of the inning. The team on offense is responsible to make sure the correct player is used as the pinch runner. If another runner is used, and a pitch is thrown, then the runner will be called out & inning ended. The team on defense must inform the umpire of the error during that inning. If the team on defense does not catch the mistake till later in game, the outcome of that inning stands.
15. If a game is tied after six (6) innings, additional innings can be played up to (but not exceeding the time limit). However, a game can end in a tie, and ties will count in the standings. There is NO DROP DEAD time limit. We will use international tie breaker rule, last batted out goes to 2<sup>nd</sup> base no outs
16. Base runners CANNOT take a lead until the ball released by the pitcher. If he takes a lead before the ball is released, he will be called out.
17. No metal jewelry should be worn, except for medical reasons.
18. No infield before the game, players may warm up in the outfield and they may take grounders on the foul sideline.
19. No intentional contact (during close play), with a base runner will be allowed. At umpire's discretion the instigator can be called out, or thrown out, or cause umpire's call to be reversed. FEET FIRST SLIDES ONLY.
20. **Kids will pitch from 38' and have up to a 3 balls count. Should he/she hit a batter, the batter will be awarded 1st base. After the batter reaches the 3 balls count, the coach will come in to finish the at bat and assume the current count. ANY BALL THROWN BY THE COACH WILL COUNT AS A STRIKE. The fouled off rule applies the whole at bat. The kid pitcher can throw as many pitches as needed until the 3 Balls count is reached.**
21. The child playing in the pitcher position must have one foot in the mound and stay behind the pitching coach until the ball is released.

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22. Pitching coach will throw to his/her own batters. Coach must pitch from rubber. At least one foot must touch the rubber at release of the ball.

23. After the pitching coach has released the ball and the batter has hit the ball

A. Pitching coach must exit the playing area immediately in a manner that doesn't interfere with the play.

B. Pitching coach will run toward his/her own dugout.

C. Pitching coach cannot instruct his/her players unless coach is next to his/her own dugout.

D. Pitching coach must attempt to avoid contact with the ball.

E. If a ball hits the pitching coach and the judgment of the umpire is the pitcher did not intentionally interfere with the ball, the ball is dead and the batter is awarded first base and base runners will be awarded one base if forced to move.

F. If ruled intentionally the ball is dead and the batter is out, runners return to base held at time of pitch. Failure to comply with any of these rules, the lead umpire will give two warnings and on the third violation pitching team will have to change pitching coaches.

24. Infield fly rule will not be in effect.

25. You will be awarded one offensive and defensive time out per inning: this does not include umpires time outs.

26. If a coach is thrown out of a game for any reason, that coach will sit out the rest of that game and will have a choice to either, not be allowed to coach in their next scheduled game, or pay a \$100.00 fine. The coach also be ejected if more than one parent is ejected during a game, the parent ejected from game must leave ballpark

27. If a player is ejected from a game, it could be an automatic out in that inning, and every inning his turn comes up.

28. A bat with a barrel size of 2 1/4" or 2 5/8" diameter can be used. Any bat used must have the USA approved sticker or stamp.

29. Bunting is allowed only when facing a Kid Pitcher. No bunting will be allowed when pitched by a coach.

30. 10 run slaughter rule, if a team is leading by 10 or more after 5 innings the game is over. Open inning is the 6th inning.

31. No coach is allowed on the baseball field at any time with open toe shoes.

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32. The head coach or the assistant coach must wear team shirt at all games.
  
33. No runner shall slide head first into any base for safety reasons. The runner will be called out if he/she does. No questions asked.
  
34. If coaches do not have their badges, they have 5 minutes to find a board member to stand in for the coach. If no board member can be found then the game will be forfeited by that team but the game will be played for the kid's sake without umpires.
  
35. There is **NO STEALING** of any base on the balls thrown by the pitcher to Home Plate. Runners can advance only one base at a time **if the catcher or any other players attempts to make a play at the base. (i.e. Backdoor Plays). Runners may lead off until the ball is released by the pitcher.**
  
36. Pitchers must follow the pitch limit rule. **If pitcher hits 2 kids in an inning he has to be removed**

Age	Daily Max (Pitches in Game)	0 Days Rest	1 Days Rest	2 Days Rest	3 Days Rest
7-8	50	1-20	21-35	36-50	N/A

37. Batting helmets with face masks will be provided. If parent supply their own helmets, they must have masks and chin straps.
  
38. . Only three (3) coaches may be on the field while on offense. All other times coaches must remain in the dugout.
  
39. If a player has to sit out due to injury then the player will sit out for at least ½ inning for evaluation.

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