

## 2019 A PYBL Rules

No Shorts or metal cleats

Distance between bases is 60 feet.

Each player must be a resident of the College Community School District unless approved by PYBL Board

Home team on College Community diamonds is responsible for chalking the field before the game and dragging/raking the field after each game.

Home team is responsible for keeping score and the home team will sit in the third base side dugout

10 players will play in the field. Four outfielders must remain in the outfield and not to be rovers. There will be a right center and left center fielder. Outfielders can not cover bases. A team must field 7 players to avoid forfeit, but are not penalized outs for less than 10 players.

An inning is 3 outs or batting through the order of the maximum number players on a team. An inning ending with the last batter in the line up is complete when 1) The 3<sup>rd</sup> out is made as the result of a play made on a hit ball or 2) The catcher has possession of the ball and touches home plate. If one team has 12 players and the other has 10, the team with 10 would bat a maximum of 12 players in an inning.

Game Time is 6:00pm and 1:15 for a time limit. There will be a 1 hour and 15 minute time limit, however, if the current inning ends at 7:15 the game ends. If any inning ends within 15 minutes of game clock end time, AND the coaches agree (BOTH COACHES MUST BE IN AGREEMENT) then another inning may be played, HOWEVER if there is NOT a consensus, then the game ends.

A regular game is 5 innings with no inning starting after 7:15. If it 7:20pm at the last out of an inning, we will play another inning. It goes by the time of the last out not by how fast a team enters the field of play. Coaches will agree on time at the beginning of the game. If a game has to be called before the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning due to weather, time limit or darkness, completion of 3 innings will be considered a complete game. If a game is called before the completion of 3 innings the game may be replayed at a later date to be determined by the PYBL Board.

A maximum of five (5) pitches per batter unless any of the five pitches are fouled off. After five (5) pitches the player will hit off the tee until the ball is put in play. The pitching coach must start inside the 20" circle around the pitcher's mound when delivering the pitch.

Open substitution, players may re-enter the game in any position except no player will play any position more than two (2) innings in a game.

A player should not sit on the bench for more than one (1) consecutive inning.

All players must try every position once throughout the season.

Each team will use a consecutive batting order with all players batting. Players arriving late or before their turn at bat will be added to the bottom of the batting order.

If a fouled ball goes above the batters head and is caught, the batter is out.

One base on an over throw/drop to the intended out, and then the play ends". This will be a "once per at bat" allowance. So, if, for example, the ball is hit to the pitcher and he over throws first base, the runner can overtake first base and be sent to second, and the play ends. If however he over throws it, and another player over throws it again past second base, it's still a one base on over throw and that child does NOT advance for a second overthrow.. Example: If there is an overthrown or dropped ball on a play at first, the runner can advance at their own risk to second, but no further. If there is an overthrown or dropped ball on a play at second, the runner can advance at their own risk to third, but no further. If there is an overthrown or dropped ball at third, **the runner CANNOT ADVANCE to home**. All other runners can advance one base at their own risk. Play is stopped with less than 3 outs or before the last batter with a ball under control of the pitcher inside the 20' pitching circle. No more than one overthrow per play.

A runner cannot be called for interference if they are running behind the fielder fielding the ball. If a runner runs in front of the fielder and the umpire feels he is interfering with the play, he may be called out. A runner will be called out if the runner touches the ball before it touches a fielder. If the ball touches the fielder first and then a runner he will not be called out.

Runners must slide on a close play, runners are not to run over defensive players. If a runner does not slide he risks being called out.

Ball is out of play if it goes beyond the fence line.

Runners must remain IN CONTACT WITH THE BASE until the ball is hit. **NO LEAD OFFS ALLOWED**. If the runner is on 2<sup>nd</sup>, the umpire sees him leading off before the ball is hit and the hit is a single, he will be asked to return to 2nd base since there is no force to run. A runner can never score if he is leading off. Therefore, if bases are loaded and the third base runner is leading off when the ball is hit, his run will NOT count. He will not be called out, his run simply will not count and he will take his seat in the dugout. This is the umpire's call. If a coach sees that the opposing team is leading off and it is not being noticed, you can quietly bring it to the umpire's and opposing coaches' attention. If coach sees his own player doing this we would hope the coach would request that the umpire enforce the no leading off rule. If a player repeatedly violates this rule he is at risk of being called out.

Batters need to keep control of the bat. If a batter throws the bat he risks being called out by the umpire. Being catcher or umpire can become very dangerous when bats get thrown.

There will be no foul ball arc in front of home plate. A ball batted fair is a fair ball.

Catcher's interference will result in the batter receiving another pitch.
No infield fly rule.
All spectators and players not playing must remain behind the fence. There is to be no sideline/fence coaching. Coaches are to coach their team. There will be one coach pitching, one coach allowed to be the first base coach and one at third base when their team is at bat. There will be 2 coaches in the field when the team is playing defense.
The defensive coaches will be the umpires for the bases and the coach pitching will be the umpire for home plate
Players need to move quickly on and off the field between innings.
If there is a question regarding a rule, the coach questioning it is to call a TIME OUT and quietly approach the opposing coach to clarify the rule. This discussion should require only the 2 coaches. If needed, a PYBL representative can be asked to assist when available. Any discussion of a rule is to be done at the time when a rule is in question. If a coach believes the rules were not followed, you are asked to submit your discrepancy to the PYBL Board in writing with the date of the game, diamond number and the opposing team name. This procedure will be in the best interest of our ball players. The coaches are asked to conduct themselves in accordance with PYBL Coach/parent/Player/Code of Conduct
Players and coaches may be ejected from the game by a PYBL representative for conduct not in accordance with the PYBL Coach/Parent/Player Code of Conduct. If a player is ejected from a game, the coach is also ejected and their team will take an automatic out each time that players turn comes to bat. The player and coach are also suspended for the next game. If a coach is ejected from the game, they are suspended for the next game. A PYBL representative has the right to eject a player or coach for behavior that is not in accordance with the PYBL Coach/Parent/Player Code of Conduct.
PYBL Board Members will deal directly with a coach if there is an issue regarding a spectator. If a parent/spectator is asked to leave a game, the coach is also ejected from the game and suspended for the next game. If at any time an PYBL representative asks a coach or parent/spectator from their team to leave a game and the request is not honored, then that team forfeits the game.
Anyone, including coaches, players, and spectators, using foul language will be asked to leave the game. Let's always remember why we are out at the ballpark. If it weren't for the players we would not be there, so let's put them first!!
Tie breakers for the purpose of seeding will be as follow in order, head to head, runs against and then runs for.
Single A games will be played by regular baseball rules except for PYBL rule exceptions.
We decided that as a league, we are requiring all coaches, assistant coaches and "helpers" to pass a background check. Basically anyone who will be on the field or in the dugout with the kids MUST pass a background check before league play begins or they don't coach/assist/volunteer. This will include Ely and Walford teams as well. IF you'd like to use the same system we use, we are willing to pay for individual background checks. You are welcome to use your own, however, you need to supply me with a copy of those background checks or some kind of verification that they've passed a background check before they're allowed on the field.
We are asking for each team to have one parent also attend the bench for T-Ball and Single A during their at bat time. There has been an issue in the past where they were left without specific supervision and they need that supervision to keep them seated, or cheering, but still at/on their bench for safety purposes.