

2010 BIG 4 BASEBALL TEAM ENTRY RULES 12 & UNDER DIVISION

Except for the rules covered in these by-laws, the Big 4 Baseball TEAM ENTRY League will be governed by Big 4 Baseball League Rules.

GAME LENGTH:

12 & Under Division 6 innings or 1 hour and 45 minutes time limit
Once the time limit has expired, no new innings will be started unless the game is tied, in which case the game shall continue until a winner is declared.

RUN RULES:

13 runs after four innings or 7 runs after five innings
There is no run limit per inning.

REGULATION GAME:

The game is a regulation game after three innings.

BATTING:

Teams must declare at the start of the game on how many they want to bat each game. The options are: 1) bat 9, 2) bat 10, or 3) bat everyone present on their roster. Re-entry rule will apply to options 1 & 2. Players who show up late, may be added to the batting order when they arrive. Free substitution is permitted for options 2 & 3. The maximum diameter of a bat shall be 2 ¾”.

COURTESY RUNNERS:

A courtesy runner is permitted for either the pitcher or catcher, who has already played that position in the game. A player not in the batting order can be used (although he can't be used to run for both positions) to run for either the pitcher or catcher. If all players are in the batting order, the last person to make an out may be a courtesy runner.

PITCHING:

1. Pitchers may pitch up to 6 innings per week at ages 9-14. Monday through Sunday will constitute the week for pitching purposes.
2. League Play: In case of three games in one week due to a rain out or a scheduled game, refer to the “Tournament Play” rule (#6) below.
3. League Play: If a pitcher throws more than three (3) innings in a day, then they must be rested one (1) calendar day before pitching again.
4. **Tournament Play: Pitchers at ages 9-14 may pitch 6 innings every two days. Pitchers may not throw more than 6 innings consecutively in any two (2) day span. *Examples: A pitcher may pitch 6 innings the first day, 0 innings the second day, then 6 innings again the third day. Or a pitcher may pitch 2 innings the first day, 4 the second, 2 the third, and 4 in the fourth. (For further clarification, please contact the field/tournament supervisor or a member of the Big 4 League board.) Breaking the pitching rule will result in a forfeit.***
5. One (1) pitch constitutes an inning pitched.
6. Coaches are allowed one (1) trip to the mound per inning. On a second trip, the pitcher must be replaced.

TOURNAMENT DATES – June 16-20, 2010

