

Bluffton Youth Sports



Majors/Ozone League Rules

1. All Dixie Youth rules will apply with the following exceptions and notations.
2. See attached pitch count rules or reference www.blufftonyouthsports.com
3. The first scheduled game of each day will have a 15 min. grace period; otherwise game time is forfeit time. 5:30 is game time. (Note: grace period **DOES** count towards time limit. The only exception will be at the fault of the umpire or field preparation)
4. Weeknight (Monday-Thursday) games will have a 1 hr. and 30 min. time limit. Weekend (Friday-Sunday) and Tournament games shall have a 1 hr. and 45 min. time limit. No inning is started after this time limit has elapsed from the start of the game. Except in the case of a tie in which another inning will be played. No new inning in the first game will start after 7:30. No new inning will be started after 9:30 p.m. on school nights, Monday – Thursday. Tie games or incomplete games will be made up at a later date if necessary.

Fall Ball Exception: The game time limit will be 1 hour and 45 minutes for the entire game. Since we do not keep score in the Fall season, games will end when time has elapsed.
5. The batter will be warned once for slinging the bat. The second time it occurs will result in the batter being called out.
6. The home team will be the official scorekeeper. Umpire names with signatures at game end is highly recommended.
7. If a team does not have enough players (9) to play a scheduled game due to a school function or a school holiday, the coach of this team must give 7 days notice in writing to Bluffton Youth Sports. Otherwise the game will result in a forfeit.
8. Games shortened by reason of curfew, or acts of God before they have become regulation games shall be resumed at the point of termination. If both teams have batted four times or in the case of home team leading after three and a half innings, the game shall be considered a regulation game and will not be resumed.
9. Minimum number of players for a regulation game is eight (8). Less than 8 will result in a forfeit. Any games played with only eight players will be reported to Bluffton Youth Sports to follow up with missing player's explanations. If a team plays with eight (8) players the ninth spot **will not** be counted as an out.
10. All players on every team must play at least two complete innings (6 outs) on defense. All players shall meet the requirements of this rule by the end of the 4th inning. A coach

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may be suspended by not complying with the player participation rule.
Exception: Does not apply if game does not go four complete innings.

11. All teams will bat completely through the order regardless of how many players there are on each team. At the start of the game all players on each team roster will be listed in the starting offensive lineup and bat in this order until all have completed one turn at bat. After all players in the initial batting lineup have batted once, you will continue to bat everyone in your lineup, but a team that has more players present can elect to only bat the corresponding number of players as the team with the lesser amount of players. That head coach must make this decision before the start of the game, and continue with that line up for the remainder of the game. Should the team with the lesser amount have a child show up late, that player will be added to the bottom of the lineup, and both teams will now play at that new lineup level.

Fall Ball Exception: All teams will bat completely through their lineup, and will not revert to the top 9 batters after the first time through.

12. Catching Rule: A catcher may not block the plate before or during any play made at home plate. The catcher must remain behind or to the sides of home plate when trying to apply the tag.

13. Sliding Rules:

- a. Home Plate Sliding: On any play at the plate, the base runner must slide into home. Any runner who “runs over” the catcher with no intent to slide will be called out, and could face further disciplinary actions by the league.
- b. Head First Sliding: There is no head first sliding into any base, unless the runner is diving back towards the bag they just came from.

14. 10 Run No Stealing Rule: Once a team is ahead by 10 or more runs, that team can no longer steal any bases until the run differential falls below the 10 run threshold again.

15. Fall Ball Exception: Managers must pitch an 11 year old or younger league age player for a minimum of 3 outs per game.

16. Fall Ball Exception: Pitchers are allowed to pitch a maximum of 2 innings per game (4 innings for double headers). Pitchers are allowed to only throw 85 pitches per day. Pitch count must be kept.

17. Spring 2018: You may play 10 kids in the field on defense. If a team does play 10 players, they must play 4 outfielders in their defensive set.

17. Free substitution – the local league allows for defensive changes to the line-up only. Players can be substituted into the defensive line-up at the beginning of each new inning.

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18. There are no intentional walks.
16. Any player, coach, or spectator that is removed from the game by an umpire or Bluffton Youth Sports Board of Director will be suspended for the teams next scheduled game. A second offense may result in the coach, player or spectator being suspended indefinitely. The umpire has complete jurisdiction of the field. All Code of Conduct Rules will apply.
17. Pitching affidavits must be maintained for each and all games indicating player's name, league age, pitches thrown, and date. After the completed game each Coach must verify and sign opposing coach's affidavit. The pitching affidavit will be made available to and from each coach before, during and after game. Further, it is the winning team's responsibility to input the score and pitch counts for both teams onto the BYS website within 2 days of any game. In the event of a game that ends in a tie, the home team is responsible for entering the score and pitch counts for both teams onto the BYS Website. Dishonesty will not be tolerated in anyway. In the opinion of the BYS Board of Directors if an intentional violation occurs, such as but not limited to (1) a coach alters a pitching affidavit to gain a competitive advantage (2) a coach willfully signs an erroneous pitching affidavit to give a competitive advantage, one or both coaches will be suspended from participation of at least one but not more than three games for each offense. In the opinion of the BYS Board of Directors if an intentional violation has occurred the coach may be ask to resign or may not be offered the privilege of coaching in later years.
Fall Ball Exception: Pitch Count should be maintained to adhere to the Fall Ball pitching rules, but do not need to be recorded in a pitching affidavit or on the website.
18. In order to qualify for all-stars a player must play in 12 complete games.