

LCYBA - 2010
General Standing Rules
All Division

The Las Cruces Youth Baseball Association (LCYBA) program is operated for the benefit of the youth in Dona Ana County. The Program's objectives are to stress sportsmanship and teach skills of the game of baseball. The managers and coaches for the teams will be selected from adults interested in youth development and who are in agreement with the objectives of the program, and cleared thru mandated back ground check.

1. The local standing rules will govern all divisions of LCYBA. Board members, officers, managers, coaches, players and parents agree to abide by the spirit and intent of these rules and objectives of this baseball program.

1.1-Every team wanting to play AABC, must fill out a state contract.

2. Pitching Rules-Limitations of pitching for all divisions shall be in accordance with regulations stipulated in the following restrictions.

2.1-A pitcher will be charged one-third (1/3) inning for each out made by the defensive team while the pitcher is in the line-up as a pitcher. 8/6 runs constitute a complete inning for the pitcher.

2.2-Pitchers in the 7U thru 14U divisions will be restricted for all regular or rescheduled games according to the following schedule:

If a Pitcher pitches more than three (3) inning on:

He may not pitch again until:

Monday

Friday

Tuesday

Saturday

Wednesday

Sunday

Thursday

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Friday

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Sunday

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Delayed, postponed, rescheduled, etc. games, pitchers shall be charged only on days pitched.

2.2.1-Pitchers in: 7U-8U -- Rules Attached separately.

9U-10U: May not pitch more than six (6) innings in two (2) consecutive days.

11U-12U: May not pitch more than seven (7) innings in two (2) consecutive days.

13U-14U: May not pitch more than ten (10) innings in two (2) consecutive days, unless tied at the end of the regulation game.

15U-16U: May not pitch more than twelve (12) innings in two (2) consecutive days. Pitchers must have one (1) days' rest.

2.2.2-If a pitcher pitches any number of innings in two (2) consecutive days in 9U thru 14U, he may not pitch again until he has had a three (3) days rest. Penalty for violation of 2.2, 2.2. It will be a forfeit in any game in which a violation occurs whether protested or not.

2.2.3-In a protested game or rain out, the game will be played continuously and charged to the day it started.

2.3-In 9U-10U only, if a pitcher hits two (2) players in an inning or three (3) per game, he must be removed as pitcher for the duration of the game.

2.4-A manager or coach will be allowed one (1) visit to the pitcher's mound to the same pitcher per inning. A second visit in an inning will result in the pitcher being removed from his pitching position. If a visit is injury related, it shall not be charged.

3. SUBSTITUTION RULES:

3.1-Substitutions are to be made to the batting order. Managers must report **ALL** changes to head umpire, who will in turn report changes to official scorekeeper. This needs to be done in between innings.

3.2-Any player in the starting line-up may re-enter the game and must remain in the same position in the batting order. A player may re-enter once, except when illness, injury or player disqualification by umpire ejection occurs. A pitcher who re-enters may not pitch.

3.3-A starting player who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game, only if the player being substituted for has met the minimum playing time requirements of 4.1 through 4.4 herein below, unless the re-entry is due to illness or injury.

3.4-Only a starting pitcher may re-enter in the pitching position and only so long as he has not left the starting line-up. If a pitcher is removed from the line-up to the bench, he may not pitch again in that game.

3.5-A team shall provide nine rostered players to start a game see 3.5.1-A and at least eight players to finish a game. An out shall be declared each time a vacant position in the batting order is due to bat. If no substitute is available for an ill, or injured player, who was not called out, and is a base runner, then the last batter not on base shall run for him.

3.5.1-A team may start with eight players if the opposing team's manager agrees and the missing player is recorded as an out in the line-up and score book.

3.6-If a player is ejected from the game, and no legal substitute is available on the bench, then the team must play with eight players. (A player who has been disqualified by umpire ejection may not re-enter).

3.7-If a player is removed from the game due to illness or injury and no legal substitute is available on the bench then:

- a. If the removed player is a re-entered starter, then his substitute shall re-enter unless he was removed by ejection.
- b. Otherwise any substitute on the bench who has been in the game, qualified, and been removed may re-enter, even if at a different place in the batting order.
- c. Otherwise any starter on the bench who has not re-entered may be re-entered and his substitute moved to the removed players' place in the batting order.

4. PLAYING TIME for each player shall be as follows:

4.1-Every rostered player must play at least two (2) consecutive complete innings, with at least one (1) at bat every game.

4.2-A player may be excused from playing due to illness, injury or family emergency or as set out in 4.3. Players who abuse team practice rules may also be excused from playing provided it is documented in writing on the game roster, and outlined in the team rules. A league official may verify any and all such excuses. Coaches **should submit a copy of team rules to VP's**

4.3-The minimum playing time rule will not apply, if the game is called because of the run rules set out in 5.8, or if the game is called on the one (1) hour forty-five (45) minute time limit and less than five and one-half (5 ½) innings have been played. All players that did not qualify in such game must start in the next game and meet the minimum playing time requirements or the game will be forfeited. (Exception to this rule will apply to 15U and up who will play with two (2) hour time limits).

4.4-Failure to play all players in strict accordance with 4.1 through 4.3 will result in the forfeit of the game in which the violation occurs. It is the intent of this rule to see that all players either participate, or are accounted for, in each game.

4.5-It is the responsibility of the team manager to play every player in accordance with 4.1 through 4.3 and failure to do so may subject the team manager to disciplinary action. 15U-18U: players must qualify every other game.

4.6-Practice will have a two (2) hour time limit during the school year and two and one half (2 ½) hour time limit during the summer. These rules apply to 14U and below.

4.7-Teams forfeiting three (3) games will be terminated from the league. All forfeited games shall be scored 7-0.

4.9- Rescheduled games **MUST BE APPROVED BY DIVISION VP** a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to original scheduled game. Reschedule forms available in the concession. Both managers must sign off on the cancelled game and work with VP to find open date and time.

5. GENERAL GAME RULES

5.1-Games shall start promptly at the scheduled time. In case of more than one (1) game being played on the same field on the same day, each succeeding game shall begin (15) minutes after the completion of the prior game or scheduled game time, if later.

a. Line-up sheets are due to head scorekeeper 15 minutes before game time. Each player on your official team should appear on your line-up sheet either as a starter, substitute, sick, discipline or no show.

b. Game time is forfeit time.

c. Line up sheets must be filled out completely with First and Last Names and Uniform numbers.

d. If a home team fails to turn in their line up sheet at game time, they will be designated as visitors, and

umpire will begin to call strikes every 12 seconds until said lineup sheet is turned in.

5.1.1-Extra Hitter. The extra hitter is implemented during the **20010 regular season**. The use of the EH or 10th batter is optional. If you start the game with an EH you must finish the game with an EH. If you have no substitutes and a player comes out of the game, that player's batting spot will result in an out each time it comes up. The EH can bat anywhere in the line-up. The EH can be free subbed in any defensive position on the field, and the batting order remains the same. In the event of an injury to the starting EH a substitute (play not in the game) may come into the EH position. If no substitutes are available that batting spot will result in an out. Once a player has been an EH, that player must start in a defensive position and receive at least the minimum playing time requirements the very next game. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

5.2-If the game schedule is not behind, a maximum of seven (7) minutes infield warm-up time shall be allotted to each team, with the visiting team taking infield warm-up first. There will be no infield warm-ups on Saturdays.

5.3-A maximum of two (2) minutes will be allowed between innings.

5.4-A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher of record after two outs have been made. The courtesy runner cannot be a player currently in the line-up. The courtesy runner will not be entered in the line-up. Use of courtesy runner does not constitute a substitute.

5.5-All players must execute a slide (except at first base) when a play is imminent at the base. Base runners have a right to a clear base path. A defensive player interfering with the base runner can be called for obstruction by the umpire. If obstruction is called, the umpire will award the next base to the runner. In cases where a fielder is attempting to field a batted ball, the runner must give way to the fielder.

5.6-Flagrant Play: Any flagrant play (taking out the catcher/infielder) by the judgment of the umpire will constitute an out and an automatic ejection of the player.

5.7-There is an eight (8) run rule per inning in 11U division and up. Additional runs scored on the same play as the eighth run shall count, for a possible maximum of eleven (11) runs in the event of a

grand slam There is a six (6) run rule per inning in 10U division and down. Additional runs scored on the same play as the sixth run shall count, for a possible maximum of nine (9) runs in the event of a grand slam.

5.8-A game will be called if a team is leading by fifteen (15) or more runs after three and one half (3 ½) innings or by ten (10) or more runs after four and one-half (4 ½) innings. If the home team is behind after three and one-half (3 ½) or four and one-half (4 ½) innings, they get their turn at bat. There is a one (1) hour forty-five (45) minute time limit for all games, except in the situation where a game is tied. (Exception: 15U-18U two (2) hour time limit.)

5.9-Fake tags not allowed. If a tag is faked, in the umpire's judgment, the runner will advance one (1) base.

5.10-Team talk and "chatter" may not be directed against the opposing team players, coaches or spectators.

5.11-Only one (1) rostered manager, three (3) rostered coaches, and one (1) bat person and rostered players will be allowed in the dugout. No defensive Coaches are allowed on the field, they must stay behind the foul fence.

Teams on offense are limited to two base coaches position in coaching boxes only.

5.12-The official score book will be kept by the official scorekeeper. Managers are required to sign the score book after each game. If for some unforeseen reason there is not an official scorekeeper, the home team shall keep the official book.

6. EQUIPMENT RULES:

6.1-All players must wear a protective supporter (male) or a pelvic shield (female). All catchers while playing must wear protective head gear and throat gear. (Double flap catcher's helmet required in 12U and below) A manager or coach may warm up the pitcher without protective headgear.

6.2-Metal cleats are allowed **ONLY** in 13U and above.

6.3-Equipment, which does not meet specification, must be removed from the game, but shall not be the basis for protest.

6.4-Umpires shall monitor all equipment for safety violations.

7. CONDUCT RULES:

7.1-Managers are responsible for the conduct of their players and fans. Games can be forfeited if manager cannot control their fans and they disrupt the game. It is the responsibility of the managers and coaches to familiarize their teams with league and game rules. Managers and coaches are required to stress good sportsmanship and fair play at all times.

7.2-Managers must let players go to the restroom when needed.

7.3-Managers shall not harass or discriminate against any player participating in another sport or school activity.

7.4-Smoking or the use of tobacco products by managers, coaches, players or umpires while in the dugout or on the playing field will not be allowed. Violation will result in one game suspension.

7.5-The consumption of alcoholic beverages by any team manager or coach immediately prior to, during or after practice, games and in the presence of players will not be permitted. Violation can result in suspension or termination. Alcohol is not permitted in any playing or spectator areas by players, fans, coaches, manager, parents, umpires or league officials.

7.6-Foul or abusive language or obscene gestures by managers, coaches, or players will result in ejection from the game and ballpark. Fans in violation of this rule can cause their team to forfeit the game and/or be required to leave the ball park.

7.6.1-First ejection from a game or the ballpark will result in the coach or manager to serve a two game suspension. Managers or coaches ejected from two (2) games will be suspended for the remainder of the season.

7.7-No air horns, cowbells, or other disruptive noisemakers will be allowed.

7.8-Recruiting of players during show case or in season is illegal. Coaches in violation of rule will be suspended for the year. Rosters are frozen May 1st.

7.9-A manager may appeal a ruling, but no manager will be allowed on the playing field to argue a judgment call. The manager must be awarded timeout prior to any and all discussion. Person attending pregame meeting will be considered the manager for this purpose.

7.10-An umpire may, at his discretion, confine a manager or coach to the team bench instead of ejecting him, when the rules call for his ejection. A manager or coach, confined to the team bench, may re-enter the playing field only to tend to an ill or injured player.

8. PROTEST AND FORFEIT RULES: IN ADDITION TO Article III of the By-laws as follows:

8.1-Only the manager, or in his absence a rostered coach, shall have the right to protest a game. \$50.00 cash is immediately required to file protest.

8.2-All teams are entitled to protest a game if they believe there has been a violation of official league rules, player eligibility rules or a misrepresentation of team rules. No protest will be allowed on umpire judgment calls. All protest will be made immediately following the alleged infraction, and notice must have been given to the umpire and the opposing manager before the end of the game. The protesting manager must submit a written protest to a LCYBA officer or member of the designated Arbitration Board within twenty-four (24) hours after completion of the game. The protesting team must provide valid and sufficient proof that a player is ineligible.

8.3-The scorekeeper shall note the protest on the official score book to validate the protest. A decision shall be rendered by the LCYBA Board or designated Arbitration Board within forty-eight (48) hours of all protested games. During play offs or tournament games, decision will be rendered immediately, since the outcome could affect bracket placement.

9. LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

9.1-At least the top eight (8) teams, regular season, will advance to the double elimination city tournament.

9.2-League playoffs will be determined at the managers meeting to be held at the end of the regular season. All pitching eligibility starts new for post season play. In post season playoffs, seeding will be based on the final regular season standings. Tiebreakers for seeding position will be:

- a. (1st) Using the won-lost record in head to head competition.
- b. (2nd) comparing the won-lost records against the next place team.

10. COMPLAINTS

10.1-All complaints must be filed in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of the alleged incident to the league Vice- President.

11. TEAM FEES:

11.1- All team fees need to be submitted to the respective VP's of each division, in the form of a Money Order, Cashier's Check, or Business Check. PERSONAL CHECKS AND CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED , NO EXCEPTIONS!

Score keepers and umpires will generally be the youth of our city. Errors on their behalf may occur. However, LCYBA will absolutely not tolerate profane or abusive language directed

toward them, by any parent/spectator/coach attending competition.

Teach the players the fundamentals of the game of baseball, emphasize the importance of good character and good citizenship, and encourage conduct which will develop an attitude of good sportsmanship among player

In the interest of good sportsmanship, it is required that parents and/or/spectators abide by the following:

Do not harass coaches of players on any team.

Do not make any vulgar or suggestive remarks to members of any team.

Cheers will be limited to encourage teams and not directed against opposing teams.

Coaches are responsible for their respective crowd/fans.

Umpires have the right to eject unruly parents/spectators/coach.

A VIOLATION OF ANY STANDING RULE IS SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE LCYBA BOARD.