

YSIBA House League Rules – 2008

Midget Division

Timing

1. The official start time for all games shall be the pre-set scheduled time, which may vary from diamond to diamond. **Utilizing the grace period shall have no effect upon this; however, in the case of a rain delay or equipment problem, the start time shall be determined by the umpires.** No new inning shall begin after 8:00 PM. and the umpire is, or shall designate, the official timekeeper
2. No new inning shall begin after 1 hour and 45 minutes. Dead ball is at two [2] hours and the umpire is, or shall designate, the official timekeeper.
3. All games shall be seven (7) innings in length. Three and one half [3 $\frac{1}{2}$] innings, with the home team leading, shall constitute a game in the event of adverse conditions. The final score for curfew or suspended games will revert to the last complete inning. When a player is batting and curfew is reached, he/she must be allowed to complete their at bat.

Equipment

4. Bases and the pitching rubber are **at regulation baseball distance** from home plate.
5. Shoes with metal cleats are not allowed. Wooden bats are permitted, but must be approved by the game umpire.

Players

6. The maximum age for players at this level is **eighteen [18]** years of age.
7. A team shall forfeit with fewer than 7 players after a 15 minute delay from the scheduled start time. If neither team is able to field a team, they shall both forfeit the game.
8. Players shall bat in their proper rotation and the batting order cannot change after the game commences. Players who arrive late must be added to the bottom of the batting order. For play-off games, once a player misses batting for the 2nd time, they will not be permitted to play in that game.
9. Pitchers are allowed to pitch for **fifteen [15]** consecutive outs. Pitchers can be changed at any time during the course of the game or inning; however, once a pitcher is removed from the mound he may not pitch in that game again.
10. New pitchers are permitted eight [8] warm-up pitches to start the game and five [5] warm-up pitches after that.

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11. Players may be called up from a lower house league division, not from another team in the same division. Those players called up are not allowed to pitch.

Play

12. Pre-game infield warm ups are permitted; however, they must be completed for both teams prior to the plate conference involving managers and umpires.

13. All innings are open; however, should a team be leading by ten [10] runs after five [5] innings, they shall be awarded the win [YSIBA mercy rule].

14. Lead-offs and stealing are allowed.

15. Balks are called without warning.

16. With two (2) outs and the catcher on base, he/she shall be replaced by the last player called out.