

# 2024

## BASEBALL YOUTH ALL-AMERICAN GAMES

For game play, we will follow NFHS (National Federation of State High School) rules with the exception of any specific in-house rules stated below

### IMPORTANT PARK RULES:

**Reno:** NO COOLERS ALLOWED - NO DOGS ALLOWED - Tents allowed

**Cincy:** Coolers, dogs, and tents allowed

**Ocean City:** Coolers, dogs, and tents allowed

**TX:** NO DOGS ALLOWED - Coolers and tents allowed

**Panama City Beach:** NO DOGS ALLOWED - Coolers and tents allowed- No plastic or metal cleats on mounds at any time

**Myrtle Beach:** NO DOGS ALLOWED - Coolers and tents allowed

**LEGAL BATS :** Only BPF 1.15 stamped bats, BB-COR bats, USA bats, USSSA Bats and wood bats are legal for game play for 9u-12u. The 13u and 14u age group must swing -5 or heavier (Will be given wristband if merged with another class.). The HS age division must swing a -3. Any violation of this rule will result in the batter with the illegal bat being called out. Any bat questions are up to tournament direction discretion. Due to player safety, multiple models of DeMarini 2017 CF Zen (-8) and (-10) bats have been declared ineligible for game play.

### CLEATS:

**RENO** - NO METAL CLEATS - Players must wear plastic/rubber cleats, tennis shoes, or turf shoes.

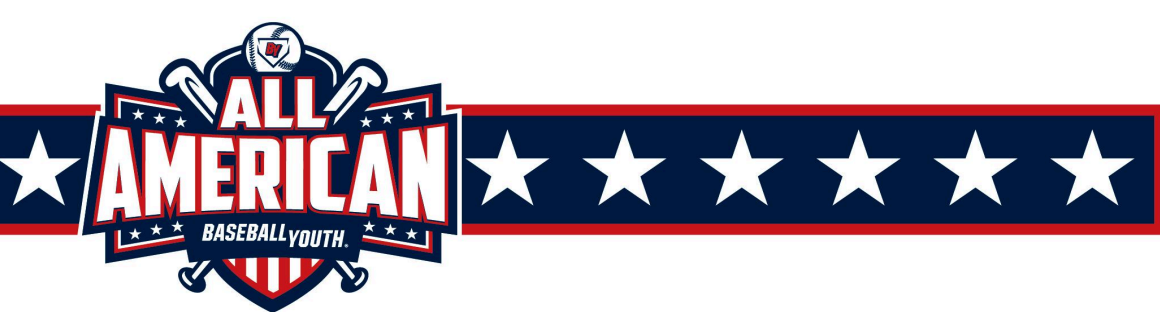
**CINCY** - Metal cleats are NOT allowed on field Fields 1-2 at Warren County. Metal Cleats ARE allowed on natural fields the rest of the fields. Players must wear plastic/rubber cleats, tennis shoes, or turf shoes.

**OCEAN CITY** - Metal cleats are NOT allowed at Henry S Parker Athletic Complex for Turf Fields 5-8. Metal Cleats ARE allowed on natural fields 1-4. Players must wear plastic/rubber cleats, tennis shoes, or turf shoes.

**TX** - Natural surfaces - metal or molded cleats are allowed

**Panama City Beach**- NO METAL CLEATS - Players must wear plastic/rubber cleats, tennis shoes, or turf shoes. Players CANNOT wear plastic/rubber cleats on Pitcher's Mounds (must be tennis shoes or turf shoes)

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**HOME / VISITOR DETERMINATION :** Home/visitor for pool play will be determined by a coin-flip before the game. Higher seed has the option (choice) of home/visitor in the elimination rounds. **Event Director Fill In Home Team Jersey Color - White Preferred**

**PHOTOGRAPHY/SOCIAL MEDIA :** Athletx Staff are permitted for on field photography/social media ONLY.. No parents are allowed on field/dugout for photography for liability issues.

**GAME WARM-UPS :** No warm-ups on the infields. All pre-game warm-ups will need to be made in the outfield grass. No soft tossing into fences.

**BATTING LINE-UP :** All players will bat during pool play and bracket play games. Rolling line up for Pool play. Coaches have the option of choosing the order of their lineup for elimination day, all players will still bat elimination day.

**SUBSTITUTIONS :** No player will sit more than 2 defensive innings per game.

**FIELD DIMENSIONS :** 8u - 10u - 46ft mound/65ft bases.

11u - 12u - 50ft mound/70ft bases.

13u - 54ft mound/80ft bases. (Unless combined with 14U)

14u - High School - 60ft mound/90ft bases.

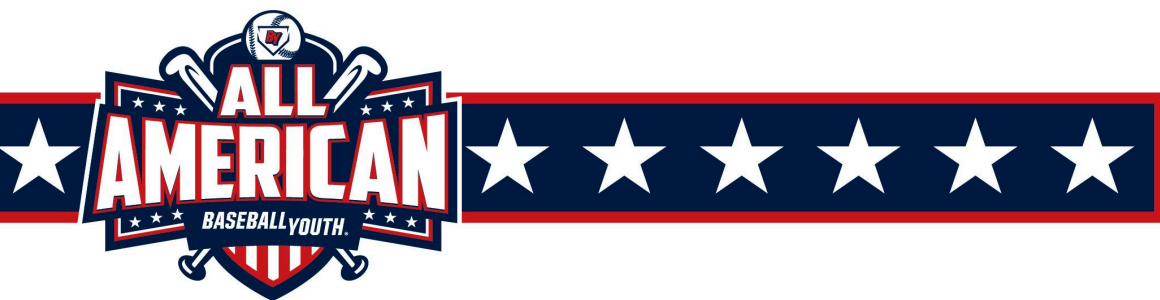
**IN-GAME INJURIES :** If a player is injured during the game, their spot in the lineup is skipped with no penalty.

**INTENTIONAL WALKS :** When issuing an intentional walk it is not necessary to throw a pitch. Decisions can simply be communicated with the umpire and the base awarded. Intentional Walks are prohibited until bracket play.

**COURTESY RUNNERS :** Courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher allowed at any time. The courtesy runner must be the player who made the last batted out.

**PITCHER RE-ENTRY RULE :** Once a pitcher has been removed from the pitching position, he cannot re-enter as the pitcher.

**BALKS :** Balks will follow NFHS Balk rules. Gameplay will be ruled "dead" if a Balk is called.



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**8u - 10u :** One balk warning per PITCHER, per game before penalty.

**11u - High School :** NO balk warnings

**LEAD OFFS :** Leads/stealing is allowed in ALL age divisions.

**SLIDING :** Must slide/avoid contact. A player must slide or attempt to avoid contact on all close plays (umpire discretion). If, in an umpire's judgment, there is intentional contact, that umpire may call the runner out on that play. If the contact is judged as intentional and malicious, that umpire may also eject the player from the game.

**PITCHING LIMITS :** There are no pitching limitations at BY AAG, coaches discretion. We expect all coaches to use good faith in how they utilize their pitchers and the amount of innings and pitches thrown throughout the tournament. Although we do not enforce any specific pitching limitations we expect that all coaches have their own reasonable limitations built in for each of their player's arms to protect them from overuse.

BY Advises all coaches to follow the MLB Pitch Smart Count listed below:

Age	Daily Max	0 Days Rest	1 Days Rest	2 Days Rest	3 Days Rest	4 Days Rest	5 Days Rest
7-8	50	1-20	21-35	36-50	N/A	N/A	N/A
9-10	75	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
11-12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
13-14	95	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
15-16	95	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+	N/A
17-18	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81+	N/A

**REGULATION INNINGS :** 9u - 12u age divisions play 6 innings for a complete, regulation game.

13u - High School age divisions play 7 innings for a complete, regulation game.



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**TIME LIMIT / IN GAME TIE-BREAKER :** The standard time limit for all age groups is 1 hour and 45 minutes. Pool Play games can end in ties. No new inning should start after the 1 hour 40 minute time limit elapses. There is a 2 hour limit for the championship games.

**RUN / MERCY RULE :** A Run rule will be enforced for all games, including both pool play and elimination games. The run rule shall be 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings or 8 runs after 5 innings. If the home team is behind at the point of the defined run rule, they will still get their last at-bat. If the home team is ahead by the run rule they will not bat in the bottom-half of that respective inning. For example, if the home team is already ahead by 10 runs after 3 1/2 innings, they will not bat in the bottom half of the 4th inning and the game will be official.

**DROPPED THIRD STRIKE :** The dropped third strike rule will apply to all class groups.

**INFIELD FLY RULE :** The infield fly rule will apply to all age groups.

**SLASH BUNT :** A slash bunt (aka “butcher boy”) is illegal in 8u - 10u. The player will be called out immediately if the play is attempted. A slash bunt is defined as a player showing bunt at any time during the pitch and then swinging at that same pitch.

**DUGOUTS/FIELDS :** Parents are not permitted inside the dugouts or on the playing surface unless otherwise instructed by a coach or a Baseball Youth staff member. Parents also please refrain from coming behind the dugouts during game play.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER/GAME GUARANTEE :**

In case of a team event being canceled or shortened at any time due to inclement weather and/or field conditions, Baseball Youth will issue credits as follows:

- 0 Games: 100% credit toward a future Baseball Youth event in 2023/2024.
- 1 Game: 50% credit toward a future Baseball Youth event in 2023/2024
- 2nd Game Started: 25% credit toward a future Baseball Youth event in 2023/2024
- 2 or more Games Completed: No credits Due