



## DIAMOND YOUTH BOYS BASEBALL (13-14 YEAR OLDS) LEAGUE BY-LAWS SPRING 2024

**ALL GAME RULES WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE DIAMOND YOUTH BOYS & MAJORS OFFICIAL RULE BOOK EXCEPT WHERE NOTED BELOW:**

1. A regulation game will be seven (7) innings or one (1) hour and forty five (45) minute time limit.
2. All coaches are required to wear their coaches shirts if they were supplied by their recreation department. Coaches are **NOT** permitted to coach on the field without wearing their shirt.
3. There will be a fifteen (15) minute grace period for the first game. **First Game only: The clock begins at the scheduled game time.**
4. A game may be started and played with a minimum of eight (8) players. Players arriving late will be added to the end of the batting lineup, with no penalty. **NOTE: Starting a game with eight (8) players does not constitute a penalty for that team.**
5. **Playing Requirement:** Every player present by the end of the third (3) inning shall play three (3) outs on defense and complete one (1) time at bat.
6. The batting line up can consist of 9 or 10 batters with the 10<sup>th</sup> batter being considered the (EH) extra hitter. This has to be decided at the start of game when the lineup is turned in to scorekeeper. It cannot change once the game has started. If a team starts with 10 batters, they must finish with 10 batters or the 10<sup>th</sup> batter is automatically out when the batting position comes up to bat. (Exception: Due to injury or illness). If one team starts the game with 10 batters, the other team can still start with 9 batters.
7. No team will be required to bat or be penalized for not batting a player, which is not present by the end of the third (3) inning, but coaches should make an effort to get the player some playing time.

8. Teams must shake hands after each game. Coaches, players and parents must show good sportsmanship before, during and after each game.  
**NOTE: Coaches must make sure that his/her parents and players are respectful towards the umpires and the opposing team.**
9. Any coach or player ejected from a game will serve a minimum one (1) game suspension and is subject to more if found needed for the ejection by the Athletic Directors and or league commissioner. If a coach is ejected a second time in the same season, he/she will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
10. Steel cleats are **NOT** allowed by pitchers if portable mound is being used.
11. Facemask and chinstraps are **NOT** required.
12. Big barrel bats (2 5/8 inch barrel) are required. They do not have to be stamped with USA for local league play. There is no weight to length limitations.  
**(The USA stamped bats are only required for all-star play)**
13. Teams must help with retrieving fouls balls and making sure dugouts are picked up of all trash.
14. **(Regular Season Only.)** Players on a regular season team may pitch in any game during the regular season subject to the following limitations.  
NOTE: \*An innings rule is added. For the purpose of satisfying the requirement of Rule 14 **(Regular Season Only)** the throwing of one pitch in any inning constitutes having pitched a complete inning.
15. A pitcher shall not be allowed to pitch in more than four (4) innings per game, and no more than eight (8) innings per week.  
**Ages 15-16 cannot pitch in this league.**