

AYBSA AA Rules

General

- Positive instructional play – focus on skill-building, safety, and a positive learning environment
- 2 coaches on the field at a time – one for guidance/instruction; the other as an umpire
- 3 outs per inning
- Games should take about 90 minutes, no longer than 2 hours
- Only the batter ever handles a bat – no bench or on-deck handling or swinging
- Home team rakes fields when playing on a field where equipment is in a toolbox or shed

Pitching

- Coach pitch; no kid pitching
- No balls (or walks) or looking strikes
- Three swinging strikes = 1 out (unless a tipped third strike)

Defense

- 10 players in the field (4 outfielders, 6 infielders, including player in the pitcher's position)
- No player can play an outfield position for two consecutive innings and no more than a total of three innings per game
- Play is dead on any overthrow to any base
- Keep the base paths "clear"

NOTE: Hits past the infield dirt – runner(s) may advance to next base, including home, until the thrown ball from the outfield crosses the plain of the infield.

Offense

- Continuous batting order; all players in the lineup bat in the same order for a game
- Ball is dead after each pitch
- No bunting
- No head-first slides
- No leading
- No stealing
- No more than 9 batters in an inning or 3 outs or whatever comes first
- All batters and base runners MUST wear a batting helmet (even in practice!)

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