

British Baseball Federation

The Margaret Borley Youth National Baseball Championships 2025

Game play rules

VERSION

19-Sep



| | U-10 | U-12 Shield | U-12 | U-14 | U-16 |
|--------------------------|---|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Birthday on or after (1) | 1-Sep-14 | 1-Sep-12 | 1-Sep-12 | 1-May-10 | 1-May-08 |
| Mound | 30 | 46 | 46 | 54 | 60'6 |
| Bases | 60 | 60 | 60 | 80 | 90 |
| Home run fence | tbc | tbc | tbc | tbc | tbc |
| Innings | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 |
| No new inning after | see schedule | see schedule | see schedule | see schedule | see schedule |
| Max runs per inning | 5 runs per inning Home run over the fence scores all runs | | | | |
| Game flow adaptations | Balls and strikes not called Batter strikes out on the 3rd swinging strike (incl foul) | We allow minor adaptations as can be agreed by coaches which should be discussed at the start of the game BBF suggested adaptation is, after 4 consecutive walks issued, remainder of the half inning is coach pitch, with player pitch resuming the following inning | None | None | None |
| Extra innings | Bases loaded, last 3 outs on base Inning starts with 1 out Max runs per inning continues to apply | | | | |
| | Batter strikes out at the sooner of 3 swinging strikes (incl foul) or 5 total pitches | In extra innings, U12 Shield is coach pitch Balls and strikes not called Batter strikes out at the sooner of 3 swinging strikes (incl foul) or 5 total pitches | | | |
| Mound visits | n/a | 1 per pitcher per inning; change pitcher on 2nd visit | | | |
| Balls | Soft | Hard | Hard | Hard | Hard |
| Bats (2) | USA | USA | USA | USA, BBCOR | USA, BBCOR |

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Roster

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|-------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|
| Batting order | Continuous | | | 1 EH allowed (optional) | |
| Pinch hitting / running | n/a | | | <p>A player who is pinch hit or pinch run for may not return to bat or baserun until the order has turned over at least once. A player who is used as a pinch runner and then substituted out may not return during that game (see also Courtesy runner)</p> | |
| Defensive substitutions | Unlimited | | | | |
| Courtesy runner | Allowed for pitcher and/or catcher of record if 2 outs Pinch runner is not subject to return restrictions above if substituted (see Pinch hitting / running) | | | | |

Pitch limits (3)

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|---------------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| No rest | Coach pitch | 20 | n/a | 20 | n/a |
| 1-day maximum | Coach pitch | 85 | 85 | 95 | 95 |
| 2-day maximum | Coach pitch | 100 | n/a | 105 | n/a |

Game play

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|---------------------------|--|-----|-----|-------------------------------|-----|
| Bunting | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Dropped third strike rule | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Leads | Remain on base until ball crosses home plate | | | Yes | Yes |
| Steal, advance on PB/WP | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Balks | n/a | n/a | n/a | Called; runners don't advance | Yes |

(1) Where waiver has been granted, players must play in the outfield and bat at the bottom of the order; players may be removed if competitive imbalance observed

(2) Wood bats are permitted at all levels

(3) Players may only pitch in one game per day. Pitcher may finish current batter with respect to all limits (no rest, 1-day max, 2-day max). Two-day maximum applies to consecutive days only