

# 10U & 12U DPYBA Open League Rules - 2009

## Administrative Rules

1. These rules will take precedence over any USSSA rules. The current USSSA Texas Rules will take precedence over the USSSA National Rules. Major League Baseball Rules will govern on any rule not addressed by the State or National USSSA Rules or these DPYBA Open League rules.
2. A game shall be “called” after 6 innings or 1 hour and 30 minutes. After 1 hr and 30 minutes, the game will be considered a complete game regardless of the number of innings played and no additional inning shall be started. Any inning started will be completed if the run rule is not in effect. If the score is tied at the end of the last completed inning, then the game will be declared a tie.
3. If the game is tied after 6 innings, extra innings will not be played in league games. Extra innings will only be allowed in elimination games.
4. If a game is terminated or suspended for any reason, it shall be considered a complete game if 3 innings of play have been completed, or 2 and one-half innings if the home team is ahead.
5. All teams will bat their entire roster. Free substitution will be allowed on defense throughout the game.
6. Pitching eligibility will be governed by USSSA Baseball Rule 8.08.G.
7. A team may score a max of 7 runs per inning.
8. The run rule will be invoked and a winner will be declared if either team is ahead by 15 or more runs after 3 innings, 10 or more runs after 4 innings, or 8 or more runs after 5 innings of play (4 and one-half innings if the home team is ahead). If time has expired, the game will be terminated if either team is mathematically eliminated.
9. If a coach is ejected from a game for any reason, he will not be allowed to coach or be on the field during the team’s next game.
10. If a coach is ejected a second time, he will not be allowed to coach or be on the field for any games during the remainder of 2009 Open League or the Post-Season Tournament.

## Playing Rules

1. A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher or catcher of record at any time. If used, the courtesy runner will be the player who made the previous out. If no outs have been recorded, the courtesy runner will be the previous batter not on base. A courtesy runner is not allowed after time expires unless the team will be required to play defense in the current inning.
2. Swinging bunts are not allowed. If a batter shows bunt, he may not then swing at the pitch. He may either attempt to bunt the ball, or he may take the pitch for a called ball or strike. **Ruling:** The batter is out, the ball is dead, and all runners will return to the base occupied at the time of pitch. This is a judgment call by the umpire.

3. If a runner from third base is advancing toward home plate in an attempt to steal home or in an attempt to score by means of a squeeze play, the following restrictions will apply:
  - A) The batter may take the pitch for a called ball or strike, or
  - B) The batter may attempt to bunt the ball.

**Ruling:** If the batter swings the bat or makes a swinging attempt at the pitched ball, the batter is out, the ball is dead, and all runners will return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch. This is a judgment call by the umpire.

4. An intentional walk will be awarded based upon announcement of the pitcher or catcher. No individual player may be intentionally walked more than once in the same game.