

# EJRT Baseball By-Law's

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## **1. COACHES:**

- 1.1.** Head coaches will be identified at the beginning of each game.
- 1.2.** There shall be only two coaches outside of the dugout during offense. Coaches must stay within the coaches' boxes on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base, unless time is called.
- 1.3.** There will be no coach allowed outside of the dugouts while team is on defensive play.
- 1.4.** For Coach Pitch, the coaching is not authorized to coach while pitching.
- 1.5.** The Head Coaches are allowed to call time and ask about an official's call; however, if a coach runs out of the dugout in any manner that can be perceived as aggressive, that coach will be warned and may be ejected.
- 1.6.** If during a game, fans become unruly, it is up to the coaches and umpires to control the game. Umpires are authorized to eject fans from the whole park. Head Coaches may request an umpire to remove an unruly fan.
- 1.7.** If a player's age is protested, the coach of the team in which the protest is made against, shall provide a copy of the player's birth certificate to the board within 24 hours of the protest. EJRT will no longer keep copies of player's birth certificates for the security of Personal Identifiable Information. If a coach does not produce a copy of the protested player's birth certificates, that player shall not be allowed to play until the birth certificate is produce.
- 1.8.** EJRT is a league in which player's pay a registration fee to play and learn. All players shall be afforded the opportunity to play in every game. Team's may not be able to have all player's bat due to the pace of games, but all teams can substitute player's on defense, making it possible for every player to play in every game. Coaches will make every attempt to have equal playing times for all players. If coaches are found not playing all players, the EJRT Board will convene to discuss the removal of the coach.

## **2. Game Times:**

- 2.1.** Game time for 4U, 6U and 8U will be one (1) hour in length. No new inning will start after 50 minutes of game time, or with 10 minutes or less remaining in the one (1) hour of official game time. Game time for 10U and 12U will not exceed one (1) hour and twenty (20) minutes, unless it is to complete an inning. No new inning will begin with five (5) minutes or less remaining in the official game play of one (1) hour and twenty (20) minutes.
- 2.2.** Game will promptly start at games times with few exception (Additional time to warm up is not an exception).
- 2.3.** Time between innings will be limited to 1-3 minutes, and enforced by umpire. If a defensive team fails field during that time, the umpire will begin calling balls. If offensive team fails field in that time, the umpire will begin calling strikes.
- 2.4.** For kid pitch, pitcher may take up to 8 pitches between innings. If a substitute pitcher takes the field, that pitcher may take up to 8 pitches.

**2.5.** All games will be one hour, or minimum of three complete innings, for all age groups, unless mercy/run rule apply, or extra innings are needed. The game time starts when the head umpire starts the time by saying “Play Ball” loud enough for both teams and the official scorebook keeper to hear. The game does not start on the first pitch.

**2.6.** A new inning will start once the last defensive player steps off the field, unless the game time is within the last 10 minutes of official game time. The “field of play” is considered the playing field between the foul lines. If coaches of a defensive team are perceived as slowing the inning up by having players take extra time to get off the playing field, a warning or ejection of the coach will be made at the discretion of the umpires.

**2.7.** No more than 5 runs will be scored by any team during a single inning.

### **3. Fielding/Plays**

**3.1.** In the divisions of 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U, all overthrown balls will be played. For example, if a ball is overthrown to first base, the runner shall run to second base at their discretion and risk. Time will not be called for overthrows and runners will be allowed to attempt to advance bases.

**3.2.** In the divisions of 6U and 4 Year Old T-Ball, time shall be called on overthrows to first base.

**3.3.** In the divisions of 10U, runners shall not leave the base until the pitcher pitches the ball. This means, the base runner will be required to be touching the plate until the pitcher releases the ball for a pitch. If the runner so chooses to advance (steal) when the pitcher has pitched, it is at the runners risk. When a runner tries to advance prior to the ball being pitched (leaves the pitchers hand), the following shall apply:

**3.3.1.** If the runner advances safely, the Umpire shall call “Time” and the runner shall return to the base last legally occupied at the time of the pitch.

**3.3.2.** If the runner is called out, the call shall stand and the runner is out.

**3.3.3.** If the ball is hit, the defensive team shall have the option of the result of the play or a no pitch.

**3.4.** Courtesy runners shall be utilized in accordance with USSSA rule **7.04.B.**