

2024 Washington Youth Baseball Bronco Rules

Pre-Game Rules

1. Home team will be in the 1st base dugout and Visiting team in the 3rd base dugout.
2. Batting Cages are **CLOSED** to teams that are playing. **Penalty: 1st Offense: Warning. 2nd Offense: 1 Game Suspension**
3. Only 5 adults are allowed in the dugout: Manager, 3 Coaches, and a Scorekeeper. **Penalty: 1st Offense: Warning. 2nd Offense: 1 Game Suspension**
4. Catchers must use a catcher's mitt, cup, appropriate catcher's gear, and a hockey-style catcher's mask. Two-piece catcher masks are **NOT** allowed.
5. Bats must be **USA stamped or BBCOR**. It is the responsibility of the manager to ensure all players are using legal bats and both managers should address this rule prior to each game. **Penalty: If an illegal bat is identified after the first pitch, but before the next at-bat, the batter will be declared OUT and the Manager will be Suspended for the remaining of the game.**
6. Metal-cleated shoes are not permitted.
7. Home team is responsible for paying umpires before each game. Games will not start until umpires are paid.
8. Games begin at 6:00PM on Weekdays and 10:00AM on weekends.
9. Pre-Game warm-up: Home Team: 4:50PM-5:20PM & Away Team 5:20PM-5:50PM.
10. All players will play a **minimum of 2 complete innings or 2 outs**. Violation, Manager will be ejected from the game and suspended the next game.

Game-Time Rules

1. All teams will bat their entire roster. If an injured player is unable to bat for any reason, that spot will be skipped over, it will not be an out, but the player may not return in the game. The player may return to the game if an out is taken. If a player is ejected and their spot comes up in the batting order, their spot will be an out.
2. All teams must have 9 eligible players to start the game, **ANYTHING LESS WILL BE A FORFEIT, but you may still play the game.** The final score will be 7-0.
3. If a team only has 9 players and the game is in progress and an injury, illness or ejection occurs, the game will be played with (8) players, but in the spot that is vacant by the vacated player it will be an automatic out.

4. Regulation games shall be seven (7) innings in duration.
5. Bronco league games shall not exceed Ten (10) innings. When the score is tied at the end of the maximum number of innings, the game shall be declared a tie.
6. There is a **10** run rule after 4 ½ if the home team is winning and 4 complete if the visiting team is winning.
7. There is a **15** run rule after 3 ½ if the home team is winning and 3 complete if the visiting team is winning.
8. Pitching rules: 3 innings maximum per game.
9. The balk rule will be in effect after the 1st two weeks of the season. Two warnings per pitcher then balks will be called. After the 2 weeks are up balks will be called with No Warnings.
10. Infield Fly Rule is in effect.
11. Manager is only allowed 2 trips to the mound, 2nd trip the manager must pull the pitcher, but they may play any other position.
12. In the event of rain or darkness the game will be complete only if you have played 4 ½ innings if the home team is winning or 5 complete innings if the visiting team winning. If you are in the middle of the 6th or 7th inning and the game is called for darkness, the game will revert back to the last complete inning to determine the winner.
13. There is a must slide rule at 2nd base, 3rd base, and at Home Plate only if there is a play being made at the bases. Penalty is the runner will be called out. When malicious contact occurs the runner will be called out and ejected from the game when, in the opinion of the umpire, the runner deliberately runs into a player making a play on him. Malicious contact by a base runner, runner will be called out and ejected plus a **(1)** game suspension
14. Courtesy runner - When there are two outs in an inning and the catcher of the team at bat is on base, the manager may elect to have a runner replace the catcher on base. The substitute runner shall be the last player recorded as out in that inning.
15. Head first sliding is allowed.
16. There will be no swinging bunts. Once you square around to bunt, you must bunt or pull the bat back. If a player attempts a bunt and then swings, the batter will be called out.
17. All other rules will follow Pony Baseball for Bronco.