**11/12 Division**

1. Play Speed Up Rule: When 2 outs offensive team must substitute a courtesy runner for the catcher if he is 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. Games may be played with 8 players although when the 9th batter position is due to bat, it will be recorded as an out.
3. If a player arrives late, they will be added to the bottom of the batting line up. If this player is the 9th player in the lineup, the automatic out will no longer be charged.
4. If a team only has 7 players, a 5 minute grace period will be extended. If the 8th player has not arrived at this point, the team with fewest players will forfeit the game 6-0. Coaches are encouraged to hold a “practice game” with the players present and they will be allowed to recruit players from the same age group or younger to complete a roster.
5. Game times and innings will be in accordance with the chart in Appendage “C”.
6. Game mercy rules will be in accordance with the chart in Appendage “C”.
7. Bunting will be allowed.
8. If a batter shows bunt or indicates to the defensive team in any manner that a bunt is intended, the batter may not swing at the pitch. The batter must bunt or take the pitch. A batter will be called out if they swing at the pitch.
9. The infield fly rule is in effect.
10. Base runners may lead off and steal bases at their own risk.
11. A batter may advance to 1st on a dropped third strike.
12. Pitching rules will be governed by USSSA National Baseball Rules. The limits are noted in the following rules:
	1. If a pitcher pitches in more than 3 innings in one day, he cannot pitch the following day
	2. A pitcher may not pitch more than 6 innings in one day
	3. A player may not pitch more than a total of 9 innings in two consecutive days
	4. If a player pitches on two consecutive days, the player must rest the third day regardless of the total number of innings pitches
	5. A players pitch limit is 75 pitches her game. Pitcher will not face a new batter after the 75th pitch. *(This rule will not be enforced during interleague games. However, PYBA Coaches are expected to continue to adhere to the rule.)*
13. A batter may be intentionally walked once per game after the announcement from the defensive teams coach. The pitcher will not be required to throw four pitches.
14. Umpires will monitor pitchers for balks. No balks will be called and runners will not advance until April 15th of the regular season. Up to April 15th, umpires will provide instruction to the pitchers.
15. When a fielder has control of the ball and a tag play is evident, the runner must slide or seek to avoid contact with the fielder. If contact occurs and there is no attempt to avoid contact or slide, the runner will be called out.
16. Teams may play with a maximum of 9 players on defense. The maximum number of infielders is six (6) and a maximum of three (3) players in the outfield.

Appendage “C”.

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| **GAME DURATION Division**  | **Innings**  | **Time Limit**  | **No New Inning**  | **Mercy Rule**  |
| 3 / 4 Tee Ball  | 3 innings  | 1 hour  | 1 hour  | No  |
| 5 / 6 Tee Ball  | 4 innings  | 1 hour 15 min  | 1 hour 15 min  | Yes  |
| 7 / 8 Division  | 6 innings  | 1 hour 30 min  | 1 hour 25 min  | Yes  |
| 9 / 10 Division  | 6 innings  | 1 hour 30 min  | 1 hour 25 min  | Yes  |
| 11 /12Division  | 6 innings  | 1 hour 45 min  | 1 hour 30 min  | Yes  |