



Danube Youth Baseball *euro*League Rules

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Playing Rules

1 age limits

u10 born after 1.1.2010

u12 born after 1.1.2008

u14 born after 1.1.2006

1.1 PLAYING RULES

U14: 6 Innings with mercy-rule (more than nine runs after 4 Innings).
Regulation game 4 Innings. No start of new inning Inning after 1:45h

U12: 6 Innings with mercy-rule (more than nine runs after 4 Innings).
Regulation game 4 Innings. No start of new inning Inning after 1:40h

U10: 6 Innings with mercy-rule (more than nine runs after 4 Innings).
Regulation game 4 Innings. No start of new inning Inning after 1:15h

Scheme of gameday with three teams

1 field

10:00 A – B

12:00 B – C

14:00 A – C

A = home team C = longest travel

U10 Scheme of gameday with four teams

2 fields

10:00 A – B C – D

11:30 B – C A – D

Lunchbreak

13:30 B – D A – C

U12 Scheme of gameday with four teams

2 fields

10:00 A – B C – D

12:00 B – C A – D

Lunchbreak

14:30 B – D A – C

Time gap between end of first and begin of second game is maximum 30 minutes.

1.2 No time limits in Final games for 1st and 3rd rank.

To achieve the above stated number of innings, in addition to the general Mercy-Rule an Inning-Mercy-Rule is adapted, with 5 runs per Inning. At out-of-the park homeruns all runs count.



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The final two innings are played without this Inning-Mercy-Rule.

1.3 Under adaption of time limits following rules apply: As start of an inning counts the time when the 6th out (or 3rd out of the previous half-inning) has been achieved. After reaching the time limit no new inning will be started.

1.4 Allowed to play with Designated Hitter (DH) if he is included in the lineup-card.

1.5 Re-entry

Any starting player is entitled to re-enter the game at any time, provided the substitute has completed 2 innings defence and one plate appearance. Any inning terminated according to a mercy rule counts as full inning.

2 Bats

2.1 U10, U12, U14: max length 33 inches, barrel diameter 2¼ to 2 5/8 inches, if made of wood. Bats made of other materials or composite bats must show a performance factor of less than 1.15, printed visibly on the bat.

3 Pitching regulations

3.1 U10: First 2 Innings pitching by kids, if 3 games on one day Kids-pitching only in all first innings. **Then Coach-Pitching.**

3.2 u12: Pitcher, who ended with pitching in the first game is allowed to continue pitching in the second game if:

- a) he/she acts as a starting pitcher,
- b) to the number of pitches of the first game 20 pitches are added but still the day limit (75) has to be observed.

3.3 Additional rules for U10 games

- Kids-pitching only during the first two innings, thereafter coach-pitching. In case of three games on one day, Kids-pitching only in all first innings.
- If a pitcher (the pitchers) during kids-pitching has (have) achieved the summary of 3 base-on-balls or 3 hit-by-pitch then the coach has to continue pitching, no matter how many pitches have been thrown.
- At coach pitching no base-on-balls or hit-by-pitch, but called strikes count.
- If the third strike is not caught, the batter is out.
- A pitcher-circle with 3m diameter has to be marked on the field.
- At Coach-pitching the ball has to be thrown from top, coach should be positioned within the circle. The kid acting as pitcher has also to stand inside the circle.
 1. Any base-running is permitted as long as the ball is not under control of the defence team within the pitcher-circle.



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2. Runners have to return to the previous achieved base unless they have already crossed the half of the distance to the next base. In such cases they have already earned the new base.
 3. Also, after a missing throw or error at first base the game continues until the ball is under defence control within the pitcher circle.
 4. No stealing or advancing on a wild pitch or passed ball.
- During the game only the two base coaches are allowed at the field, all other coaches have to remain in the dugout.
 - Both coaches agree upon the size of foul zones before start of the game.
 - To minimise delays at kids-pitching, a second equipped catcher shall be available to avoid delays at half-inning changes. Additionally, a second qualified person should be positioned at the backstop to immediately return eventual wild pitches.

3.4 Pitch Count Regulations

3.5 At the start of any game 10 players must be ready to play, but minimum of 7 players.

3.6 For the sake of health protection, following rest-day-limits apply:

Minimum rest time:

rest day limits					
	max day limit	3 days	2 days	1 day	none
U14	80	66	51-65	36-50	1-35
U12	75	66	51-65	36-50	1-35
U10	65	61	46-60	30-45	1-29

Decisive for the number of pitches is the age-class of the player, not the class of the team in which he is playing.

If a pitcher receives his max-day-limit (as shown above) during an at-bat (e.g. 80 pitches at U14) he is allowed to finish it.

This rule does NOT apply to the rest-day-limits (e.g. 35 pitches for no day rest at U14). Regarding the rest-day-limits, the limit is already considered exceeded, if the pitcher throws one more pitch after reaching the respective limit.

3.7 Restrictions

- No player can be appointed twice during the same game as a pitcher.
- u10, u12 and u14 players cannot act as a pitcher twice on the same day (exceptions stated at 2.7.2).
- If a player has acted as a catcher in more than 4 complete innings, he is not allowed to act as a pitcher the same day.



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- Maximum allowed pitches if a pitcher shall act as catcher on the same day:
- u10=35, u12=41, u14=44.

4 Field sizes

4.1

U14 (pony)

- base distance 24,38 m (80 ft.)
- pitching distance 16,46 m (54 ft.)
- distance backstops from Homeplate 9,14 m, min. 7 m
- distance 1.+3. base to fence 9,14 m, min. 7 m
- distance outfield fence to home-plate: 84 m left- + right field, 96 m at centerfield, minimum 70 m in entire outfield.
- homerun-distance: 70 m, visibly marked.

U12

- base distance 18,29 m (60 ft.)
- pitching distance: 14,02 m (46 ft.)
- distance backstops from Homeplate 7,65 m, min. 7 m
- distance 1.+3. base to fence 7,65 m, min. 7 m
- distance outfield fence to home-plate: 61 m left- + right field, 76 m at centerfield, minimum 61 m in entire outfield.
- homerun-distance: 61 m, visibly marked.

U10

- base distance 18,29 m (60 ft.)
- pitching distance: 13,11 m (43 ft.)
- distance backstops from home plate 7,65 m, min. 7 m
- distance 1.+3. base to fence 7,65 m, min. 7 m
- distance outfield fence to home-plate: 61 m left- + right field, 76 m at centerfield, minimum 54 m in entire outfield.
- homerun-distance: 54 m, visibly marked.

4.2 Balls

U14, U12 standard 9" baseball

U10 soft 8.5" baseball

number of available balls per game (responsibility of home club): **u14, u12, u10** 6 out of two new.

4.3 Uniforms and Equipment



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- All uniforms have to be identical and with numbers, each player must wear an identical cap (also for composite-teams).
- No metal cleats in u10 and u12, no metal cleats for pitchers in u14 games if a mound is used.
- Aluminium and synthetic bats are permitted if within the rules.
- All base-coaches have to wear a helmet.

5 GROUND RULES

5.1 Mound, Backstop, boundary

At u14 (Pony League) a portable mound is permitted, if all teams have been informed about its use before the start of the season.

The distance of the backstop to the home-plate at u14, u12 and u10 games must be between 7,62m and 9,14 m (25-30 ft). Minimum requested height is 2,5m (8 ft), width minimum 5m (16ft).

The outfield must be equipped with a fence (minimum height 80cm, 3ft) to stop balls going through.

5.2 Preparation of field

- Pitcher's plate, home-plate and bases must be fixed on the ground.
- Grass must be trimmed to enable correct flow of play.
- Foul-lines, Coach- and Catcher-boxes have to be visibly marked with chalk or other material.
- Dugouts must be equipped with benches and provide rain-shelter.
- The field must be separated from the visitor's area, at least with a barrier tape.
- Double first base has to set for U10, U12

6 General

6.1 Umpires

- All the time is the responsibility of the home team.
- Time of the game is start by the umpire.

6.2 Final

- Best four teams, played games/all games >75%

6.3 Players

- New players can be played if the team send the player registration form to the coordinator (Kiss Szabolcs, kiss.szabi79@gmail.com) 5 days before the game.



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- Player transfer is allowed. In case of the final four only those player can play who played the 75% of the games in the same team.
Mandatory to inform the coordinator when player transfer occurs!
- Mandatory to all players have a medical approved document which is verify to play. **dybl** does not provide you this document, each team is responsible for that from the country of origin.

Any case of problem and appeal please inform the coordinator: Kiss Szabolcs