

2022 YEGA LEAGUE



11U/13U
RULES & GUIDELINES

The YEGA League for 11U and 13U age categories is a competitive 'A' league where the focus is on the development and enjoyment of the game of baseball.

The rules and guidelines are in place to ensure that the players are put into the best situation possible to enjoy the game of baseball in competitive atmosphere while being given opportunities to develop and enjoy the sport.

We ask that coaches, players and parents keep this in mind ensuring that good sportsmanship, hard work and passion for the game of baseball is shown on and off the field in the YEGA League towards their opponents, teammates and umpires.

YEGA League | Rules & Guidelines 2022

Rules not covered by the YEGA Rules & Guidelines shall be governed by the rules and regulations contained in the current year Baseball Alberta Official Handbook and by the Baseball Canada Rules and Regulations.

BASEBALL CANADA RULES EXCEPT WHERE IDENTIFIED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Age Criteria/Limits shall be as follows:

11U – Eligible players will have birth years of 2011 and 2012 for the 2022 season and may not turn 12 or older in 2022.

- Overage players are only eligible to play at the 11U level under special circumstances through approval of the league. This will be done on a case by case basis.

13U – Eligible players will have birth years of 2009 and 2010 for the 2022 season and may not turn 14 or older in 2022.

- Overage players are only eligible to play at the 13U level under special circumstances through approval of the league. This will be done on a case by case basis.

ROSTER and LINEUP RULES – 11U & 13U

Unlimited Substitution – every player present will be placed on the line-up card in the batting order and will all bat in order; players are allowed to move in/out defensively without restrictions except if the pitcher leaves the mound to play another defensive position, that pitcher may not return to the mound or catch in the same game.

***All players who are present for a game and in uniform** (unless injured and unable to play or suspended for that game by the league or team) **must be listed on the batting order/line-up card – any coach who sits a player to gain a competitive advantage will be subject to discipline by Baseball Alberta.**

*Any player who is injured or has to leave the game will be skipped in the batting line-up with no penalty.

***Participation Rule – A player may not sit more than 2 consecutive defensive innings (one pitch constitutes an inning sat)**

Lineup cards submitted to the opposing team, the umpires and the official scorer are required to have first and last names printed on them.

GAMEPLAY RULES – 11U

Games will start at 6:30pm

No new inning to start after 2.5 hours, unless the game is tied

Maximum 5 Run/Half Inning Rule - Once the 5th run of a half inning is scored the inning automatically stops no matter how many outs there are and that half inning is over.

Mercy Rule is in effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 4th offensive inning/at bat).

All games must be completed even if the run differential exceeds the run rule limit.

Example – the visiting team is ahead by 6 runs in the final inning, the home team will still bat even though they can only score a maximum of 5 runs.

Example – the visiting team starts the final inning ahead by 7 runs and scores 5 to extend their lead to 12 runs in the final inning; the home team will still bat even though they can only score a maximum of 5 runs.

Bunts are permitted.

Lead offs are NOT permitted.

Stealing is permitted once the ball has crossed the home plate. If there is a violation, the runner is returned to their base and the ball is declared dead.

When a team has a lead of seven or more runs, the runner(s) of this team can reach the following base only when the ball is hit or if forced to advance. If the runner advances in error, they are returned to the original base and the ball is dead. A baserunner(s) is able to advance should the defence attempt to make a defensive play to retire a base runner.

The batter cannot become a runner on a catcher's miss of a third strike. The third strike, either called or swinging does NOT have to be caught by the catcher. The batter is automatically retired. However, the ball is alive and in play for runners that are on base.

Intentional walks are NOT permitted.

Runners are permitted to advance on passed balls including attempting to score at home plate provided that their team is not leading by seven or more runs.

11U PITCH COUNTS

	11U	REST REQUIRED
LOW	1 – 20	None
MEDIUM LOW	21 – 30	1 Day
MEDIUM	31 – 44	2 Days
MEDIUM HIGH	45 – 54	3 Days
HIGH	55 – 70	4 Days
MAXIMUM	70	-

11U BAT REGULATIONS

	MAXIMUM DIFFERENTIAL	MAXIMUM DIAMETER	MAXIMUM LENGTH
11U	None	2-3/4	32"

*USSSA 1.15 and USABB bats will be both approved for play under Baseball Canada rules for the 11U and under categories. This allows for all previous & current 2-1/4", 2-5/8" and 2-3/4" USSSA 1.15 certified bats to be used.

GAMEPLAY RULES – 13U

Games will start at 6:30pm

No new inning to start after 2.5 hours, unless the game is tied

Maximum 5 Run/Half Inning Rule - Once the 5th run of a half inning is scored the inning automatically stops no matter how many outs there are and that half inning is over.

Mercy Rule is in effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 4th offensive inning/at bat).

All games must be completed even if the run differential exceeds the run rule limit.

Example – the visiting team is ahead by 6 runs in the final inning, the home team will still bat even though they can only score a maximum of 5 runs.

Example – the visiting team starts the final inning ahead by 7 runs and scores 5 to extend their lead to 12 runs in the final inning; the home team will still bat even though they can only score a maximum of 5 runs.

Bunts are permitted.

Lead offs are permitted.

Stealing is permitted.

Runners are permitted to advance on passed balls including attempting to score at home plate provided that their team is not leading by seven or more runs.

13U PITCH COUNTS

	13U	REST REQUIRED
LOW	1 – 25	None
MEDIUM LOW	26 – 35	1 Day
MEDIUM	36 – 54	2 Days
MEDIUM HIGH	55 – 64	3 Days
HIGH	65 – 80	4 Days
MAXIMUM	80	-

13U BAT REGULATIONS

	MAXIMUM DIFFERENTIAL	MAXIMUM DIAMETER	MAXIMUM LENGTH
13U	-10	2-3/4	34"

*For 13U, a max barrel of 2-3/4" with (i) a 1.15 BPF (Bat Performance Factor) or (ii) USA Baseball Model with BBCOR "wood like" BPF is permitted. For the 13U age category, using up to a minus 10 – length/weight differential is permitted.

HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES 11U & 13U

Ensure that the field is safe and playable prior to the start of the game.

*In the event of inclement weather, the home team should make every effort to inform the umpires, the visiting team and Baseball Alberta of a cancellation by **5:00pm**

The home team is responsible for having the diamond ready to play, umpires available and to provide at least two new game baseballs to the umpires.

Payment of Umpire Fees: The team designated as the “HOME TEAM” is responsible for paying the umpires fees. At no time is the “VISITING TEAM” responsible to pay for any umpire fees.

*If there is travel costs associated with the umpires getting to the game, this burden lies solely with the “HOME TEAM” regardless of where the game is being played.

*Payment of the umpires is the responsibility of each participating association. Each team should be aware of its Association’s policy on paying umpires for games and follow those guidelines.

*If a team is designated as the “HOME TEAM” but are playing at someone else’s field, the coach of the designated “HOME TEAM” MUST pay the umpires at the field after the game.

The “HOME TEAM” must ensure at least one of the attending umpires is certified. If for some reason an umpire does not show up, under NO CIRCUMSTANCES is a coach or any other non-certified person permitted to umpire the game and be in charge of the play. A volunteer is permitted to umpire the bases should there be a certified umpire working behind the plate.

Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES are we to allow anyone that isn’t registered with Baseball Alberta as a player, coach or umpire to be on the field.

GAME SCORES & REPORTING

The WINNING TEAM will email the game score to programs@baseballalberta.com within 24 hours indicating the League Name - Game Number – Winning Team – Score in the email subject line. *Example: YEGA 11U – 4 – Sherwood Park Archers win 4-3*

The WINNING TEAM is responsible for entering the score on TeamSnap within 48 hours of the game being completed. All teams will be sent instructions on how to enter scores prior to their first game.

Schedules and standings will be available for viewing on Baseball Alberta’s website at www.baseballalberta.com

MAKE UP GAMES

Should circumstances prevent a league game from being played as scheduled; the “HOME TEAM” is responsible for giving the opposition suitable advance notification for re-scheduling the game. Notification must also be given to the Baseball Alberta Programs Coordinator (programs@baseballalberta.com) at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled game.

These games need to be made up as soon as possible, but if all efforts have been made to make the game up, but uncooperative weather etc. makes this difficult, the game can be assessed a 1-1 tie by Baseball Alberta. A loss may be awarded to any team that does not take reasonable steps to make their team available to make up the game.

*In the event of inclement weather, the HOME TEAM should make every effort to inform the umpires, the visiting team and Baseball Alberta of a cancellation by **5:00pm**

ZERO TOLERANCE

Adhering to schedules must be taken seriously. If your team cannot make it to a game or if you are not 100% sure whether the fields are open or not, you must establish communication with the other team well in advance of anyone heading to that diamond. Teams that do not show up for games will be in violation of this very strict rule and will have their fate decided by the “Disciplinary Committee”. We do not want people travelling to a scheduled or re-scheduled game to find the other team did not show up. This could lead to an immediate removal from the league.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

All incidents and matters that require disciplinary action will follow the guidelines of the Baseball Alberta discipline policy.

2022 Baseball Alberta Membership Registration

Team Registration Fee for YEGA League.....\$50

Community / 'A' Player Fee

11U (Ages 10-11).....\$27.50

13U (Ages 12-13).....\$27.50

Community / 'A' Coaches.....\$25.00

*Please ensure you are familiar with your home association’s registration fee breakdown for players entering Baseball Alberta leagues. Associations will be responsible for paying these fees.