



2026 BPA Rule Changes as of November 6, 2025 Convention Vote All changes will be EFFECTIVE January 1, 2026

Rule 1, Definitions, Electronic Devices:

DELETE: An electronic device is any device capable of making or transmitting still or moving photographs, video recordings, or images of any kind; any device capable of creating, transmitting, or receiving text or data; and any device capable of receiving, transmitting, or recording sound.

ADD: One-way electronic communication between only the coach and catcher is permitted. Coaches can't use electronic communication with any other players on offense or defense. When utilizing one-way communication, the coach cannot be outside the bench/dugout area.

PENALTY: The umpire will issue a warning and the 2nd time the head coach will be removed from the game.

Rule 5, The Game, Section 9:

ADD: The choice of the first or last bat in the inning shall be decided by the toss of a coin unless otherwise stated in the rules of the tournament under which the schedule of games is being played. Bracket Play – The Tournament Director has the option to utilize the highest seed team from pool play would have the choice of home or visitor throughout bracket play, if in uniform compliance. If both teams have the same pool play finish, a coin toss will determine the choice of home or visitor. If this bracket play format is used, it must be posted by the Tournament Director prior to the start of the tournament. If a team is not in compliance with the uniform rule, the opposing team, if in uniform compliance, has the choice of being home or visiting team.

Rule 6, Pitching, Section 16, a, b, c:

ADD:

- a) In age divisions 8, 9, 10 not more than eight (8) innings in two (2) consecutive days. No more than 6 in any 1 day or no more than 4 to pitch the next day.
- b) In age divisions 11 and 12, pitchers will be allowed to pitch ten (10) innings in two (2) consecutive days. No more than 6 in any 1 day or no more than 4 to pitch the next day.
- c) In age divisions 13 and older, pitchers will be allowed to pitch twelve (12) innings in two (2) consecutive days. No more than 8 in any 1 day or no more than 6 to pitch the next day.