

# ABA Cheat Sheet – Premier, Reserves & 19U

## 2023/24 Season

Game Rules	Premier Reserve	Premier & 19U Big League
Innings	<b>7 innings (regulation game = 5)</b>	<b>9 innings (regulation game = 5)</b>
No New Innings if	after 2 Hours 20 min	No Time Limit for Premier / 19U NNI after 2hr 50min
Mercy rule	15 after 4 or 10 after 5	15 after 5 or 10 after 7
Runs per innings (max)	<b>NO max</b>	
Tied game	No Tie Breaker	Extra Inns (no max). Next batter in line-up from last at bat shall bat first. Last batter from previous innings on 1st base and batter before him on 2nd base (or their substitutes).
Double Headers	Rules to be set by Competition Committee if Double Headers are scheduled	
No. of Players	8 min (9 <sup>th</sup> is auto out) – full or partial roster may be on the line-up card, whether present or not. But no players may be added to the line-up after the plate meeting.	
Junior Players	Take their maximum pitch count rules and catcher to pitcher etc rules with them.	
Pitch Smart	<b>YES</b> - All pitchers are required to abide by “Pitch Smart” and the age requirements for maximum pitch count and mandatory rest. An ineligible pitcher may be grounds for a protest, removal of pitcher and ejection of coach.	
The Junior Pitcher/catcher	All LL age players playing senior baseball must adhere to all LL pitching and catching requirements at all times.	
Pitcher minimum	Must pitch to at least 3 consecutive batters – refer OBR	
Pitcher removed from mound may return as pitcher.	<b>YES</b> , if he remains on the playing field in another fielding position. Exception is juniors, refer junior rules below.	
Pitcher may become Catcher.	<b>YES</b> – no pitch count restriction on pitcher becoming catcher. Exception is juniors, refer junior rules below.	
Pitch in 2 games per day	<b>YES</b>	
Catcher speed up rule?	<b>YES</b> , catcher (runner) may be replaced if two outs (must be any bench player not currently in the game). In this situation Bench players must be used in the first instance, once there are no longer any substitutes available you move to the last batter scenario.	
Catcher Other	19s and under catchers must have a throat guard. All warm-up catchers, incl. in bullpens, must have a mask.	
Visits	Maximum of 5 Visits by any player, manager or coach. (1 extra free visit per every tie breaker extra innings). Manager or Coach Visits are Trips (as well as Visits), if 2 Trips in 1 innings, then pitcher must be changed.	
Re-entry rule	<b>No re-entry</b> (includes in extra innings due to a tie breaker situation)	
Bats	Wood bats or one-piece wood composite bats (composite, with BBCOR stamp). <b>NO</b> BBCOR metal/metal composite bats. <b>NO</b> 2-piece bats.	



	19U females may use BBCOR metal/metal composite bats. Prem's & Reserves - 36" 2 5/8s                      19U - 34" 2 5/8s
Helmets	20 + age MAY wear single eared helmets
DH allowed?	<b>YES</b> (for the pitcher only). Must be on starting line-up card.
No Foreign Substances	Under the new guidelines, any pitcher, fielder, manager, coach, club personnel, club committee member / volunteer who possesses or applies foreign substances in violation of the rules will be ejected from the game and automatically suspended in accordance with the rules and past precedent. Umpires may perform checks at any time. <i>Rule 3.01 states that "no player shall intentionally discolour or damage the ball by rubbing it with soil, rosin, paraffin, liquorice, sandpaper, emery paper or other foreign substance." Rule 6.02(c) expands on that rule by stating, among other things, that a pitcher may not "apply a foreign substance of any kind to the ball;" "deface the ball in any manner;" throw a shine ball, spit ball, mud ball or emery ball; "have on his person, or in his possession, any foreign substance;" or "attach anything to his hand, any finger or either wrist (e.g., Band-Aid, tape, Super Glue, bracelet, etc.).</i>

Approved bat logo



**Junior – Catcher to Pitcher rules**

Pitcher <u>maybe</u> cannot be catcher?	<b>Yes, but</b> pitcher who delivers 41+ pitches in a game (not being to end a batter who started at pitch 39) cannot be catcher that <b>Day</b> . Catcher with 3 or less innings and delivering 21+ (15/16year olds: 31+) pitches may not return to Catcher that <b>Day</b> . Finishing a batter is NOT incl in pitch count.
Catcher to Pitcher?	<b>Yes, but</b> Catcher who has caught for 4 (or more) innings may not pitch that <b>Day</b> .

