

GENERAL PLAYING RULES

1. There will be a game schedule for each age division. The team with the best overall record at the end of the regular season will be the winner of the division. There will be no first or second half champions. Every game counts towards your overall record. There will be a playoff game in case of a tie at the end of the season to determine who will be the division champion.
2. Some divisions may interlock and play games with teams from other parks.
3. Games are to start on time.
5. Each team must furnish one adult to work in the press box.
6. The umpire shall keep the official game time. The umpire will notify the scorekeeper when the game officially begins and ends. A new inning shall not start after time has expired with the exceptions stated in Rule 8 below. The start of an inning is defined as the time when the third out is called in the previous inning.
7. When a game has become official, play shall be terminated. Games become official upon any of the following:
 - A. **Complete Games:** When the official number of innings has been played. The last half inning shall not be completed when the home team is leading.
 - B. **Time Limit Games:** At the completion of the current inning when official time has expired the last half inning shall not be completed when the home team is leading. Only one extra inning shall be played in the case of a tie game.
 - C. **Run Rule Games:** When one team is ahead by the number of runs indicated. Runs scored by the visiting team in the top half of an inning, do not count against the run rule until the home team has had its opportunity to bat in the bottom of that inning, except in the 5 & 6, 7 & 8 year olds for baseball, 6 & 8 under for softball. In these divisions, games become official when a team is mathematically eliminated from winning due to the number of batters remaining.
 - D. **Shortened Games:** Games shortened by curfew, rain or other acts of God when the trailing team has batted the number of innings indicated, or in the case of a tie game, when both teams have batted the number of innings indicated. Shortened games that are not yet official by innings will be rescheduled from the point of suspension.
 - E. **Championship Games:** Games shall be played until there is a winner, including extra innings if necessary. Time limit and shortened game rules do not apply.

<i>DIVISION</i>	<i>OFFICIAL INNINGS</i>	<i>OFFICIAL TIME LIMIT</i>	<i>RUN RULE</i>	<i>SHORTENED GAMES</i>
9-10 Year old boys	6	90 minutes	10 after 4	4
11-12 Year old boys	6	90 minutes	10 after 4	4
13-14 Year old boys	7	105 minutes	10 after 5	5

8. All postponed and suspended games shall be rescheduled in the next available time slot as determined by a representative of the Park Director.
9. Time between games shall be fifteen minutes.

10. No game shall start after 8:30PM on weekdays (Sunday through Thursday) or after 9:30PM on weekends (Friday and Saturday). No inning shall start after 10:00PM on weekdays or after 11:00PM on weekends. At the close of the school year, no game shall start after 9:30PM on weekdays and 10:30PM on weekends.

11. All available players shall be listed on the batting order and will bat their turn whether playing defense or not. All available players must be substituted defensively every other inning. The only exception to this rule is if a player misses an officially scheduled practice. An officially scheduled practice is a practice that is scheduled by the Park and Recreation office. It becomes the manager's discretion as to whether or not the child plays in that game. Penalty for violation of this rule is forfeiture of the game. This rule shall apply to all league playoff and championship games.

14. League, Metro, NSA playing rules shall not be waived or changed for any game by mutual agreement of opposing managers.

9 & 10 YEAR OLD DIVISION

1. First and third baselines shall be sixty five (65) feet.

2. The pitching rubber will be positioned 46 feet from the front of the pitching rubber to the back point of home plate.

3. A regulation game will be 6 innings or 1 hour 30 minutes. Only one (1) extra inning will be played in the event of a tie game.

4. All players will be listed in the batting order and will bat in their turn regardless of whether they are playing defense. The batting order may not be changed once the game has started. Late arrivals must be placed at the bottom of the batting order. No late arrival may enter the game after the completion of the first rotation of the batting order. If a player is injured or becomes ill during the play of a game, that player's subsequent plate appearances are not an automatic out. Player ejections from a game will result in an automatic out at subsequent plate appearances.

5. Free substitution of defensive players is allowed at any time during the game. All available players must be substituted defensively every other inning. Penalty for violation of this rule is forfeiture of the game. This rule shall apply to all league playoff and championship games.

6. Whenever a tag play is evident, runners must slide or seek to avoid contact with the fielder. Malicious contact shall supersede all obstruction penalties. Penalty: Runner shall be declared out and may be ejected from the game at the umpire's discretion. Headfirst slides will result in an automatic out.

7. Stealing will be allowed. Base runners will not be allowed to lead off the base. Diving headfirst back to a base is not considered a slide, and will not be called an out.

8. The infield fly rule will be in effect.

9. No one except the first base and the third base coaches, the batter, and the player "on deck" are allowed outside of the dugout. All other coaches and players are required to remain in their dugouts.

10. Pitchers will be limited to the following:

- A. Seven (7) innings per week. A week begins on Monday and continues through the following Sunday night
- B. One (1) pitch thrown in an inning is considered a full inning pitched.
- C. A pitcher removed from the mound for any reason shall not return to the mound to pitch during the same game.
- D. When a second time out is called in an inning, regardless if a trip to the mound occurs, the pitcher must be removed from the pitching mound. He can remain in the game at any other position.

11. The official rules of baseball will govern all rules not covered by the local league rules.

12. Borrow rule - A team may only borrow a player from a team within the same age group. A team may borrow to have a total of nine (9) players. At no time will a team borrow more than two players in order to play a game. If a team does not have eight (8) players with the inclusion of the borrowed player or players, and all efforts have been justifiably made, the team must then contact the park director. A team must have no less than (7) of the players listed on the original team roster in order to play a game. A team may have no less than eight (8) players in order to start a game. A borrowed player must play right field and be the last batter listed on the official game line-up. If two players are borrowed, one shall play right field the other must play in center field. The two borrowed players will be the last two batters listed on the official game line-up. In the event that a team has borrowed a player and the player listed on the original roster is able to play, the borrowed player must sit out and may not participate.

The players who are being borrowed can not be selective based on personal reasons.

If Team (A) requests to borrow a player and the player denies availability, that player is considered unavailable for Team (B) for the same time and day. In this case, if the player plays with Team (B), Team (B) must forfeit. If Team (A) requests to borrow a player and that player has already accepted to play for Team (B), that player must play for Team (B) or Team (B) will forfeit. A team shall not borrow any player for championship games.

11 & 12 YEAR OLD DIVISION

- 1. First and third baselines shall be seventy (70) feet.
- 2. The pitching rubber will be positioned 50 feet from the front of the pitching rubber to the back point of home plate.
- 3. A regulation game will be 6 innings or 1 hour 30 minutes. Only one (1) extra inning will be played in the event of a tie game.
- 4. All players will be listed in the batting order and will bat in their turn regardless of whether they are playing defense. The batting order may not be changed once the game has started. Late arrivals must be placed at the bottom of the batting order. No late arrival may enter the game after the completion of the first rotation of the batting order. If a

player is injured or becomes ill during the play of a game, that player's subsequent plate appearances are not an automatic out. Player ejections from a game will result in an automatic out at subsequent plate appearances.

5. Free substitution of defensive players is allowed at any time during the game. All available players must be substituted defensively every other inning. Penalty for violation of this rule is forfeiture of the game. This rule shall apply to all league playoff and championship games.

6. Whenever a tag play is evident, runners must slide or seek to avoid contact with the fielder. Malicious contact shall supersede all obstruction penalties. Penalty: Runner shall be declared out and may be ejected from the game at the umpire's discretion. Headfirst slides will result in an automatic out.

7. Stealing will be allowed. Base runners will be allowed to lead off the base with the risk of being able to be put out. Diving headfirst back to a base is not considered a slide, and will not be called an out.

8. The infield fly rule will be in effect.

9. No one except the first base and the third base coaches, the batter, and the player "on deck" are allowed outside of the dugout. All other coaches and players are required to remain in their dugouts.

10. Pitchers will be limited to the following:

☐ Seven (7) innings per week. A week begins on Monday and continues through the following Sunday night.

A. One (1) pitch thrown in an inning is considered a full inning pitched.

B. Under no other conditions shall a pitcher pitch in more than 6 innings in one game. The pitcher will be charged only for the innings pitched. If a pitcher does not have to pitch in the bottom half of an inning, he will not be charged for that inning.

C. The umpire will call balks for the entire season.

D. A pitcher may pitch in 2 games in the same day provided he does not pitch more than 2 innings in the first game and does not pitch more than a total of 6 innings in both games on the same day.

E. A pitcher after pitching in 4 or more innings in the same game or in the same day shall have a minimum of 36 hours rest before becoming eligible to pitch in another game. The rest period shall begin when the pitcher leaves the mound.

F. A pitcher removed from the mound for any reason shall not return to the mound to pitch during the same game.

11. If the catcher drops the ball on the 3rd strike, if there are less than 2 outs and 1st base is unoccupied, the batter may attempt to advance to 1st base. When there are 2 outs and a dropped 3rd strike occurs, the batter may attempt to advance to 1st base.

12. The official rules of baseball will govern all rules not covered by the local league rules.

13. 12. Borrow rule - A team may only borrow a player from a team within the same age group. A team may borrow to have a total of nine (9) players. At no time will a team borrow more than two players in order to play a game. If a team does not have eight (8) players with the inclusion of the borrowed player or players, and all efforts have been justifiably

made, the team must then contact the park director. A team must have no less than (7) of the players listed on the original team roster in order to play a game. A team may have no less than eight (8) players in order to start a game. A borrowed player must play right field and be the last batter listed on the official game line-up. If two players are borrowed, one shall play right field the other must play in center field. The two borrowed players will be the last two batters listed on the official game line-up. In the event that a team has borrowed a player and the player listed on the original roster is able to play, the borrowed player must sit out and may not participate.

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13 & 14 YEAR OLD DIVISION

1. First and third baselines shall be 80 feet.
2. The pitching distance from the front of the rubber to the back point of home plate shall be 54 feet.
3. A regulation game shall be 7 innings with a time limit of one hour forty five (1:45) minutes. Only one (1) extra inning will be played in the case of a tie.
4. All players will be listed in the batting order and will bat in their turn regardless of whether they are playing defense. The batting order may not be changed once the game has started. Late arrivals must be placed at the bottom of the batting order. No late arrival may enter the game after the completion of the first rotation of the batting order. If a player is injured or becomes ill during the play of a game, that player's subsequent plate appearances are not an automatic out. Player ejections from a game will result in an automatic out at subsequent plate appearances.
5. Free substitution of defensive players is allowed at any time during the game. All available players must be substituted defensively every other inning. Penalty for violation of this rule is forfeiture of the game. This rule shall apply to all league playoff and championship games.
6. Whenever a tag play is evident, runners must slide or seek to avoid contact with the fielder. Malicious contact shall supersede all obstruction penalties. Penalty: Runner shall be declared out and may be ejected from the game at the umpire's discretion. Headfirst slides are allowed.
7. Stealing will be allowed. Base runners will be allowed to lead off the base with the risk of being able to be put out.

8. The infield fly rule will be in effect.
9. No one except the first base and the third base coaches, the batter, and the player "on deck" are allowed outside of the dugout. All other coaches and players are required to remain in their dugouts.
10. Pitchers will be limited to the following:
 - A. Ten (10) innings per week. A week begins on Monday and continues through the following Sunday night. If a game is tied at the end of 7 innings, the starting pitcher, only if he has pitched continuously throughout that game, may pitch a eighth (8) inning.
 - B. One (1) pitch thrown in an inning is considered a full inning pitched.
 - C. Under no other conditions shall a pitcher pitch in more than 8 innings in one game. The pitcher will be charged only for the innings pitched. If a pitcher does not have to pitch in the bottom half of an inning, he will not be charged for that inning.
 - D. The umpire will call balks for the entire season.
 - E. A pitcher may pitch in 2 games in the same day provided he does not pitch more than 3 innings in the first game and does not pitch more than a total of 10 innings in both games on the same day.
 - F. A pitcher after pitching in 4 or more innings in the same game or in the same day shall have a minimum of 36 hours rest before becoming eligible to pitch in another game. The rest period shall begin when the pitcher leaves the mound.
 - G. A pitcher removed from the mound for any reason shall not return to the mound to pitch during the same game.
 - H. In a single playoff game or best of 3 series played in local league, a pitcher shall pitch in only 7 innings or 8 innings in the case of a tie game after he has pitched in 7 consecutive innings in the same game. This may be a playoff game, a series, or a tournament to determine a regular season league champion or a 1st or 2nd half winner. A pitcher is only eligible to pitch in the above scenario if he has satisfied the 36-hour rest rule since pitching in 4 or more innings in any game.
11. If the catcher drops the ball on the 3rd strike, if there are less than 2 outs and 1st base is unoccupied, the batter may attempt to advance to 1st base. When there are 2 outs and a dropped 3rd strike occurs, the batter may attempt to advance to 1st base.
12. The official rules of baseball will govern all rules not covered by the local league rules.
13. Metal cleats are allowed. Rubber cleats must be used on portable mounds and artificial turf in the batting cages.
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