

7TH/8TH FALL BASEBALL RULES

The Fall Baseball rules for the season will be the rules of the National Federation of State High Schools Association set forth in its rule books except as modified by the Local Rules set forth below.

Player Participation

Must Play; Bat Around. All players that are present and active (i.e., not injured or under disciplinary suspension) for a game must play at least 9 defensive outs in a game unless due to the late arrival of a player it is either impractical or unfair to the other players to play the late arriving player 9 defensive outs. All players will be placed in the team's batting order and unlimited substitutions may be used and done so at any time.

Injuries, Ejections, & Players leaving early. If a player is removed from a game due to injury, ejection, or required to leave prior to the end of the contest due to another commitment, then that player's spot in the batting order will be "scratched."

Minimum Number of Players Required. A team must have at least 8 players in order to start a game and play a game. If a team only has 8 players, the 9th spot in the team's batting order will be declared "out" each time it comes up. If a player then shows up after the game has started, that player will be immediately inserted into the game in the 9th spot in the batting order. A team may also borrow players from the other team to ensure the game will be played.

Equipment

NOCSA approved batting helmets must be worn by the batter, on deck batter, all base runners, and youth coaches.

Catcher's helmet and face mask must be worn during the game, by the catcher and by players warming up the pitcher. A cup is required.

Metal cleats are allowed in Pony league games.

Bats up to 2 5/8" diameter "stamped" USA Baseball of any drop weight are permitted. Non-USA stamped bats up to 2 1/4" in diameter are permitted. USSSA "stamped" bats are prohibited.

All wood bats are permitted.

All other bats not meeting the above descriptions are prohibited.

Pitching

Pitchers may only pitch 2 innings. They must be consecutive.

Only regular roster players may pitch. Under no circumstances may a player be brought up on a temporary basis to pitch.

Balks shall be called in all games. **No warnings will be given.**

Offense

An injured batter who cannot complete his/her at bat shall be replaced by the batter making the last out. The replacement batter shall inherit the injured batters count when the injury took place. If the injured batter cannot continue playing in the game, then the injured batter will be removed from the line-up and all batters will remain in their respective places in the batting order.

If a player must leave a game because of injury or personal reasons before it is completed, that position in the battering order will be skipped for the balance of the game with no outs being recorded.

BUNTING is allowed. **Fake Bunting and then trying to hit the ball is not allowed** and batters attempting this will be called out. (Example: Show bunt, draw fielders in and then swing away for a hit.) There shall be NO warning for such an offense.

5 runs maximum/inning

Defense & Base Running

Each player can only play a position no more than 2 innings per game with the exception of the catcher.

A courtesy runner may be used in case of injury or to replace the catcher or pitcher for the next inning. The catcher must then catch 3 consecutive outs with the exception if an injury occurs. The pitcher must pitch to at least one batter with the exception if an injury occurs.