



## **Basic Major Boys and Major Girls Rules**

1. 1 hour and 45 minute time limit in all games. All games will be timed by an official clock. All games may end prior to 1 hour 45 mins, because last inning will be called when 30 minutes are left on the game clock and visiting team is coming up to bat.
2. 6 runs may be scored in each inning except the last inning, 10 runs may be scored. Last inning will be called when there is 30 minutes left on the game clock and the visiting team is coming up to bat. At the end of the last inning if there is still time on the game clock, the game is still OVER! If a team is winning by 11 runs when last inning is called then the game is over, since the losing team can no longer catch up.
3. If a team is winning by 17 runs after 4 innings, or 11 runs after 5 inning the game is over, since the losing team can no longer catch up.
4. A Softball team must have at least 7, players to start a game, Baseball can start a game with 7 or a forfeit will be called, and the score will be winner 6, loser 0. A 15 minute grace period will be given. The official game clock begins at 5:30 regardless of the grace period. If a team drops below 7 players during a game due to injury, game can proceed.
5. Only Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches registered with the league will be allowed to address umpires concerning calls, plays or questions. 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Bench Coach can address the umpire only if Head Coaches and the Assistant Coach are absent.
6. Coaches may touch players for high fives or hugs ONLY AFTER play is over and time has been called by umpire.
7. A pitcher can only pitch 3 innings per game. One ball pitched in any inning counts as an inning pitched. The 3 innings must be

consecutive. A pitcher may not return to the pitcher's position if the pitcher has left the pitcher's mound for substitution. Pitchers that are 14 years old are only allowed to pitch two inning per game.

8. (BOYS ONLY) Pitching will be from 54 feet.
9. (GIRLS ONLY) Pitching will be at 40 Feet
10. Once a pitcher takes the mound to warm up, he has 5 pitches or 1 minute to warm up, whichever comes first. If the catcher is not dressed a coach should warm up the pitcher.
11. (BOYS ONLY) If a pitcher balks, he will receive a warning from the umpire. If he continues to balk, each runner will be awarded 1 base. This rule goes into effect after 2 weeks of game play.
12. (GIRLS ONLY) If the pitcher does an illegal pitch then the batter will be awarded a ball for every illegal pitch.
13. The pitcher may not wear sunglasses unless they are prescription and MUST be non reflective. Players may wear non reflective sunglasses ONLY in the event the sun is in the players eyes.
14. If the pitcher hits 2 batters in one inning or 3 in a game the pitcher is to be pulled from pitching for the remainder of that game.
15. If the batter at bat is batting out of order and it is caught by the opposing team before the batter hits the ball, reaches a base or strikes out, then the correct batter may be allowed to take over the bat with the existing ball and strike count. In order for the opposing team to get an "OUT" call on the batter batting out of order, the opposing team should wait for the improper batter to finish their at bat, call time out and announce "they batted out of order" then show proof with the line up card. This must be done before the next pitch is thrown to the next batter in the line up. If the appeal is not made before the next pitch is thrown to the next batter, then the batting order stays as is and the skipped batter remains skipped until they come up in the batting order again.
16. Orange Base Rule (GIRLS ONLY): A runner must touch the orange base when a routine grounder has been fielded by an infielder and a

play results at first base. Routine is in the judgement of the umpire. Runners that fail to do so will be called out.

17. Dressing a Catcher Rule: A catcher, on base, may have a courtesy runner at any time. The courtesy runner must be the player that made the last out in the current or previous inning.
18. (BOYS ONLY) Runners may lead off and steal all bases including home plate.
19. (GIRLS ONLY) There is no leading off. Runners May steal bases when the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
20. Runners must slide at home plate or make an attempt to get down if there is a play. If a runner does not slide or make an attempt to get down to get down, he or she will be called out. If the runner comes at the catcher standing up and runs over the catcher when there is a play at the plate they will be called out and possibly ejected if the arms are up in a pushing motion. The catcher may not obstruct home plate when there is no play at the plate.
21. When a thrown ball from the outfield goes out of play, the runners are awarded the base he or she is going to plus one more. When a thrown ball from the infield goes out of play the runners are awarded the base they were going to. It is the judgement of the umpire where the runners were as the ball exited the playing field.
22. Infield Fly Rule: is in effect when bases are full, or runners are on first and second base with none or one out. The fly should be a routine pop up to the infield. If the infielder has to run back on a ball, this is not routine. It is not a dead ball and all runners may advance at their own risk. If the ball is caught in the air before hitting the ground, runners must tag up.
23. Third Strike Rule: If the third strike is dropped by catcher, batter can advance to first base if unoccupied, *unless* there are two outs, then batter can advance to first, even if first base is occupied.
24. Circle Advancement/Hesitation Rule (GIRLS ONLY): Play stops when the pitcher has the ball in the circle and all runners have stopped full advancement. Once a runner stops advancing she must go back to the

base from which she came from. If the runner stops full advancement and then attempts to run or walk again, she will be called out.

25. If a parent or fan is harassing the umpire verbally during a game and is causing a distraction, time out will be called and a warning will be given to the head coach. The coach will be asked to try to control their fan. If the fan continues to be a distraction, the head coach will be ejected from the game. If the distraction continues, the assistant coach will be ejected from the game and the game will result in a forfeit. If a coach is ejected from a game, he or she will be suspended from their next game.
26. International Tie Breaker Rule: is in effect when the game ends in a tie. The extra inning will begin with the player that made the last out in the last inning being placed on second base as a runner. This inning will be a five runs allowed inning. Should the game continue to end in a tie, the same rule will be repeated until the tie is broken. A game **cannot** end in a tie.
27. Bats (BOYS ONLY) All bats must have the USA bat stamp.
28. Bats (GIRLS ONLY): All Bats must have the ASA/USA or both Certified bat stamp.
29. Face Masks (GIRLS ONLY): ALL infield players must wear a face mask. If infield player is caught not wearing a face mask they will be asked to put one on once. If after being asked to put face mask on and the player refuses they will then have to either be moved to the outfield or to the bench and her team will be given one out when it is there turn to bat.