

2026 Minors Division Baseball Rules

- Games are 1:45 hours or 6 innings. No new inning after 1:30 hours.
- **USA Bats Only!!!!!!**
- Continuous Batting Order.
- Mercy Rule- 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings.
- 5 run limit or 3 outs per inning (except the last inning when you may bat the entire line up one time or 3 outs are recorded, whichever comes first). If teams do not have the same number of players in their lineup, both teams must bat the lesser number of players. For example, team A has 10 players, Team B has 12 players, both teams will bat 10 in the last inning. If the score is tied after the final inning the game will end in a tie, no extra innings will be played. The last inning **must be announced** by coaches prior to the top half of the last inning.
- **For Playoffs** there is no bat through the lineup in the last inning, you play 3 outs no matter what. The last inning **must be announced** by coaches prior to the top half of the last inning.
- Dropped 3rd Strike NOT in effect.
- Infield Fly is in effect.
- Live ball catcher to pitcher.
- Runners may steal after every pitch, maximum one base per steal attempt. Any runner attempting to take an extra base is at risk.
- Players may steal home on a passed ball or a straight steal, whether during the bat, after a strikeout, or after a walk.
- 4 outfielders (Left, Left Center, Right and Right Center) NO SHORT CENTER FIELDER OR 5TH INFIELDER! Outfielders must be in grass of the outfield.
- 40 or more pitches a pitcher cannot go in to play catcher.
- 4 innings playing catcher, a catcher CANNOT pitch. (1 Pitch is an INNING)
- LL rule book will apply for anything not covered here
- Player Pool- If a team is going to be short of a player, they may opt to use a player from another minor's team from their league.

Major league players MAY NOT be called down to play on a minor league team. Minor league players may play up on a Major league team. Maximum is 2 players, players cannot pitch, must play the outfield, and bat at the bottom of the lineup. **THIS RULE IS NOT IN EFFECT DURING PLAYOFFS!!**

- Pitch counts must be kept at all games. Using an illegal pitcher will result in a forfeit of the game and suspension of the manager for a minimum of 1 game. It is the responsibility of both coaches to keep track of both teams' pitch counts. Coaches should make an attempt to meet at an agreeable count if numbers are different. If an agreement cannot be made the home team pitch count will be the official count used.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS-

- There are NO ON DECK Batters, Only the leadoff batter of the inning is allowed out of the dugout to take warm up swings.
- No donuts, bat sleeves or any weight attachment.