

Suburban Community Baseball League

2023 Season Rules

Senior League, ages 15-18

Adopted and approved **January 15th, 2023 (updated)**

All rules are as written for Ohio High School play except where noted here.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Home team supplies two new NFHS approved baseballs (exception – tournament play where each team supplies one NFHS approved ball.)
2. Games will be 7 innings or 2 ½ hours. No inning may start after 2 ½ hours. Weeknight games start at 6:00. Weekend games start at home venue normal start times. Should a local venue rule limit game start times or length of game then that local rule shall be applied.
3. Weather delays shall be per OHSA rules. 30 minutes – thunder or lightning.
4. Mercy rule shall be 10 runs after 5 innings **except in the championship games, no mercy rule will be applied. (Adopted Jan 14 2022)**
5. Teams may start a game with less than nine (9) players, however they may not start a game with less than eight (8) players. No penalty. A team may finish with less than eight players (and) a player removed from the line-up due to injury WILL NOT result in an automatic out. The game will be a forfeit after a delay of 15 minutes past the scheduled start time if a minimum of 8 players is unattained.
6. All players shall bat. Bats shall be limited to –3 drop BBCOR bats with a 2 5/8 maximum barrel. Composite bats are per currently approved NFHS bats.
7. It is SCBL intent that all players shall play a minimum of 3 innings in the field.
8. Headfirst sliding is legal. No malicious contact rule is in effect.
9. Verbal abuse, cursing, fighting (whether in or out of uniform and whether before, during or after a game), and intentional collisions will result in an automatic game ejection as well as a next game suspension. This shall include any person representing the team by virtue of their being in the dugout. The next game suspension will be the next playable game. A forfeit in the next game(s) does not satisfy the suspension. Any player intentionally throwing equipment in anger will be ejected from the game (or) at the conclusion of a game will result in a next game suspension.
10. Poor sportsmanship by fans shall be brought to the attention of the manager and he shall control his fans. Any warning by the umpire shall be brought to the attention of both managers under a time out. Any ejection of a fan or coach for violation of any of these rules becomes the coach's responsibility once the umpire has issued an ejection. Failure of the coach to properly call time and force removal of the ejected person may result in a forfeit at the umpire's sole discretion.
11. Two umpires per game paid by the home team.
12. If a player arrives after the start of the game, he is inserted at the bottom of the lineup and is exempt from the requirement to play 3 innings. If a player leaves for any reason, except being ejected from the game, an automatic out will not be recorded.

13. The league strongly suggests using the "Game Changer Team Manager App" as a way to score games and keep a more accurate pitch count during games.

14. Home teams will have 24 hours to report scores/pitch count(both winning and losing teams pitch count) into the league scoring system or be subject to a penalty. If unable to enter scores / pitch count please reach out to the league President and he will report the scores/pitch counts.

15. The League president will be using the "Band App" as a way to communicate reminders/important information to all members/coaches.

16. **(Adopted Jan 14 2022) Extra Innings during regular season only will now be Texas Shootout style)**

- **A shootout occurs if a game is tied after max innings or time has been reached**

- **The shootout will continue until a winner is determined or umpire suspension (darkness, weather, etc)**

- **) If this occurs the game shall be a TIE.**

1. **The last 2 batters from the previous inning are placed on first and second base.**

2. **There are no outs to begin shootout**

3. **Each batter begins with a count of 2 balls and 1 strike.**

4. **Foul balls are not counted as 3rd strike.**

5. **Pitchers are allowed normal warmup per inning.**

6. **Infield fly rule is in effect.**

7. **All pitching rules must be adhered to.**

PITCHING RULES Adopted October 2019:

1. NFHS Pitch Count Rules to be followed for number of pitches per game and mandatory rest as follows:
 - a. Daily pitch limit: 125(if reached during an at bat, pitcher may finish that batter before being removed)
 - b. Number of Rest required as follows:
 - i. 1-30 pitches: 0 days rest
 - ii. 31-50 pitches: 1 day rest
 - iii. 51-75 pitches: 2 day rest
 - iv. 76-125: 3 days rest
 - c. Rest days begin the day AFTER pitching
2. Any 18 year old or Senior Varsity pitchers/ players are eligible under the following conditions:
 - a. If they pitched at the varsity level(**more than 12 innings(Adopted Jan.14 2022 was 11 previously)**) during the current year's High School season, **then they will be limited to making 1 appearance** on the mound per game, and will be limited to pitching 1 inning. They may play all other positions without restriction. On the final rosters, 18 year olds or Senior varsity pitchers will have a "V" next to their name so they can be identified by all league members(see eligibility rule #4.) They will be labeled a Senior Varsity pitcher if they pitch 12 or more innings during the previous High School season.
 - b. If they are 17 and a senior in HS they are eligible to play the following season under the same guidelines as a Senior varsity pitcher

Season Ending Tournament:

1. The tournament will start as soon as the season is complete in mid-July.
2. All teams will play in a single elimination tournament.
3. Seeding's are based on an 8-10 team bracket(dependent on number of teams)
4. **Point system will be used for rankings. (4 points – Win , 2 points – Tie, 1 points – Loss , 0 for rainout)(Forfeit 2 points for win , -1 for loss)(12 hour notice, reschedule or take forfeit loss)**
 - ★ When there are more or less than 8 teams, the first round play-in game(s) or bye(s) will occur based on standings. Play-in games (if necessary) will be the day before the tournament.
5. The team with the higher ranking will retain home field advantage up through and including the championship.
6. Higher seeds will be responsible for umpires.
7. Each community will share responsibility/fees(\$30.00) for championship trophies or medals. This will help reduce costs. Total costs will be around 275.00 for trophies/tshirts etc and will be shared by all communities participating in league and due upon or before the scheduling meeting.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. The league is open to all community players between the ages of 15 & 18.
2. If players who turn 19 on or before April 30th are ineligible to play.
3. A player must be signed up/ registered/ paid with their community baseball organization for that season – this also goes for substitutes (see rule 5. Below) **(vote on March 12th)**
4. 18 year old senior varsity players are eligible under the following conditions: (see pitching rules #2 above)
5. Substitutes shall be taken from registered players from that community's next lower league and is limited to rec players, i.e not travel ball players.
(Adopted Jan 14,2022)In addition if there are 2 community based team from same community they may pull a member of the other team under these conditions:
 1. Check lower level first and if unable to find a player then proceed to the following conditions below:
 2. Can add a player from another team if under 8 players and cannot go over the 9 player limit.
 3. Must bat last
 4. Ineligible to pitch
 5. This was put in place to prevent forfeits!!!!
 6. Courtesy call or text other teams coaches to let them know.
6. Rosters shall be considered locked on Memorial Day and input into (Game Changer Team Manager App – see rule 14. of General Rules). No additions, but call-ups are still allowed throughout the season and postseason – (postseason call-ups regulated to lower level community players and communities with 2 or more teams can have their other community supplement should they have under 9 players available – **See Eligibility rule 5 and follow same procedure – adopted March 12th 2023.** Rosters shall indicate a “V” next to the name of the player who has pitched at the varsity level with 10 innings or more as a Senior!
7. If a team is short of players to start the season, the team may combine with another community team to complete a full Roster – provided there are no objections from other league members. **(adopted Jan 15th 2023).**

LEAGUE PRINCIPALS:

1. The league president for 2023 will be Sean Murphy.
2. All E League commissioners from the various leagues are expected to handle internal problems.

RULINGS:

1. A team may have a batboy aged 8 or more in the dugout. He shall wear a helmet anytime he enters the field of play. No other minors 18 or under will be permitted in the dugout.
2. Players may be designated as base coaches and must wear a helmet at all times they are on the field. This is an OHSAA rule. Do we need to spell it out here?
3. Smoking by players or coaches will not be permitted before, during or after the game in any area of the field including dugout and bleacher areas.
4. Uttering by a base coach or dugout occupant during a pitcher's delivery will be considered poor sportsmanship and thus not be allowed. OHSAA rule!
5. Likewise, uttering by a defensive coach or player during a batter's turn at bat will not be allowed.
6. Since we bat the roster, any ejected player will result in an out each subsequent time his turn in the rotation comes up. This does NOT apply to a subsequent game suspension.
7. Penalties for violations of any rules not specifically covered elsewhere in the rules shall be a warning followed by ejection for a subsequent violation.
8. A suspended player may sit out his suspension with his team as long as he is not in uniform.
9. Ejected players shall remain on the bench until the end of the game. Ejected coaches shall remove themselves to the parking lot and shall not view, comment or make any actions or noises directed toward or as a result of the remainder of play going on in the game in progress. Each coach is required to immediately call or email the local league commissioner/president as well as the commissioner regarding ejections; include all circumstances, ejected person's name and number and any other pertinent information.

2023 League Contact information

League Members Names, Roles and Contact Information (subject to change at any time)

Community	Role	Email	Phone
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This will be updated as more information becomes available.

League All Star Game 2023

- The following Saturday after the Championship July 22nd Night Game if possible.
- Coaches submit 2 weeks prior to game who will represent their team
- Depending on the number teams will determine game setup.

League All Star Game

- Coaches nominate 2/3 players per team (this could change depending on number of teams in league)

2023 regular seasons schedule starts May 26th through July 9th .
July 10th playoffs begin Championship scheduled July 15th / 16th per weather.

Field Addresses

Barberton Barberton Sports Complex JV Field
3540 Barber Rd, Barberton OH 44203

Cloverleaf Lafayette Baseball Fields Field 3
6776 Wedgewood Rd Medina Oh 44256

Westfield Center Baseball Fields Field 1
8712 N. Leroy Rd. Westfield Center OH 44251

Highland Granger Elementary
3940 Ridge Rd Medina Oh 44256

Revere Richfield Town H-Field
4410 Streetsboro Rd Richfield Oh 44256

Bath Baseball Park E8
4600 Everett Rd Akron Oh 44333

NortonColumbia Woods
4070 Columbia Woods Dr
Norton Ohio 44203

Norton HS FIELD
3930 Cleveland Massillon road
Norton OHio 44203

Copley Copley High School
3807 Ridgewood Rd, Copley OH 44321

Brunswick Nuera park (lights)
4627 Center RD
Brunswick Oh

Brunswick Mooney park
1980 Windsor Drive

