

2026 Inter-League Minor 2 Baseball Guidelines

Game Structure:

- **Game Length:** 6 innings
 - **Time Limit:** 1 hour and 45 minutes
 - No new inning may start after **1 hour and 45 minutes**.
 - Coaches must record the start time in their scorebook, and the umpire will log it on their time sheet.
 - **Definition of an Inning Start:** The instant the 3rd defensive out is made or the 5th run crosses the plate.
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Scoring Rules:

- **5-Run Limit Per Inning:** This applies for the entire season.
 - **Unlimited Runs in Last Inning:**
 - The last inning (as determined by the **Head Umpire** and **both coaches** before the inning begins) allows unlimited runs.
 - If the game is tied after the time limit or 6 innings, **no extra innings** will be played.
 - **If a team is down by 10 or more runs** going into the unlimited inning, they will bat first regardless of being the home or away team.
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Batting & Substitution Rules:

- **Batting Order:**
 - **Round Robin** – All players bat in the lineup throughout the game.
 - Late arrivals are added to the **bottom** of the batting order.
 - **Free Substitution:**
 - Players can rotate to different defensive positions.
 - Players must remain in their original batting order as submitted to the opposing coach.
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Playing Time Requirements:

- Each player must play **at least 6 defensive outs** (not required to be consecutive).
- If a player does not meet this requirement:
 - They must complete their remaining outs in the next scheduled game.
 - They must also play their first 6 defensive outs in that game

Team Composition:

- **Minimum Players:** Teams may play with **8 players**.
 - Games will **not** be rescheduled if a team has at least 8 players.
 - **Fielding:** Coaches must field all **9 positions** if players are available.
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Coaching Rules:

- **Base Coaches:**
 - Two **adult** base coaches are allowed, provided that **one adult** remains in the dugout at all times.
 - If a player serves as a base coach, they **must wear a helmet**.

Bunting:

- **Bunting is allowed for the entire season.**
- **Definition of a Bunt:** A batted ball not swung at but intentionally tapped slowly.
 - Holding the bat in the strike zone is considered a bunt attempt.
 - To avoid a bunt attempt, the batter **must pull the bat backward** away from the ball.

Pitches per day	Calendar days of rest
>66	4
51-65	3
36-50	2
21-35	1
<20	0

Max of 75 pitches a day

Prohibited Items:

- Jewelry (except medical alert items)
- Pine tar
- Batting donuts
- Wristbands on pitchers
- On-deck batters