

Thumb Area Baseball/Softball
9/10 Baseball 2017

Age is calculated based on players age as of May 1

Games considered complete after 3 innings. Before start of game, home league representative is responsible to determine if field is playable and contact opponent if game's cancelled. If a tornado warning is posted 30 min prior to game time or later, games are cancelled. Home league representative **must** contact opponent if games are cancelled. It is the home league representative's discretion for cancellation for a tornado watch. Once a game starts, it is the umpire's decision to continue/delay /cancel games due to field condition/inclement weather. If lightning sighted, or thunder, game's put into 15 min delay. If there's another occurrence within the 15min, the 15min restarts at time of **new** occurrence. Games not meeting min number of innings played to be considered complete, make-up game starts over at top of 1st inning).

This league will operate under the 2017 High School Rule Book with the following additions:

1. Pitching distance is 46 ft.
2. Base paths are 60 ft
3. Minimum 8 batters or an out must be taken for each batter less than 8.
4. Games will be 6 innings / 1:45 max.
NOTE: IN THE CASE OF A TIE AT THE END OF 6 INNINGS / 1:45 HOURS – INTERNATIONAL TIE BREAKER – LAST OUT TO 2ND / 1 OUT.
5. No leading off. Stealing allowed when the ball crosses homeplate. No stealing home unless played upon or batted in. Played upon= fielder throwing the ball to third base.
6. Max six (6) runs per inning are allowed except during the last inning where unlimited runs are allowed. Home run and runs scored during home run will stand if it exceeds 6 run inning limit.
7. Entire roster bats (round-robin batting order).
8. Courtesy runner for the Catcher with two outs is allowed. Runner must be last out.
9. No Protests – Umpire ruling will stand.
10. No metal spikes allowed.
11. Bat must be stamped BPF 1.15
12. No infield fly rule
13. No dropped third strike
14. Mercy Rule – 15 runs after 4 innings. 12 runs after 5 innings.
15. Teams will play with 10 players, 4 being outfielders. Outfield is determined by being on grass or by determined line in playing field.
16. Pitchers maximum 3 innings per game – must be consecutive. One pitch constitutes an inning
17. Pitchers may not re-enter game as pitcher.
18. If pitcher strikes three batters, he will be removed from pitching for that game.