Baseball Rules



1.0 EQUIPMENT

1.01 All players must be in full baseball uniform (cap, & numbered shirt)

Team uniforms shall be the same color. T-shirts (sleeves) of not more than two colors may be worn with the uniform.

- **1.02** A NOCSAE approved protective helmet with ear flaps & full face mask will be worn by all batters, base runners, and catchers.
 - A player refusing to wear a helmet, after being warned to do so by the umpire, will not be allowed to continue as a player in the game and shall be replaced by a substitute. The substitute will assume the ball and strike count if the player was a batter or will take his position on the base he occupied if he was a base runner.
 - It is recommended that all players wear athletic supporters.
 - All catcher's male or female must wear a chest protector, shin-guards, protective cup NOCSAE approved helmet, mask, and a throat protector.
 - **Shin guards MUST have knee and metatarsal protection (soccer style shin guards are NOT acceptable).
- 1.03 A player is not allowed to play any position or to bat without his shirt being tucked into his pants in the proper manner.
- **1.04** Players not in full uniform shall not be permitted to play in the game.
- **1.05** All uniforms must be the same color.
- 1.06 A number must appear on the shirt to assist the official score keeper and spectators in identifying the players. (Numbers not required on coaches' shirts)
- 1.07 Any player warming up the pitcher must wear a mask and a cup while in the down or crouch position.
- **1.08** Metal cleats will not be allowed for participants (coaches, players) fifteen (15) years and under.
- **1.09** Equipment must be kept in the dugout.
- 1.10 All casts, splints and braces must be padded. Any player equipment judged by the umpire to be unreasonably dangerous is illegal and cannot be worn.

2.00 RE-ENTRY SUBSTITUTION

- **2.01** Panama City Beach Parks & Rec is played under re-entry substitution in local league.
 - a) Any starting player (except a player pitcher) may be removed from the game by being replaced legally with a substitute, and then returned to the lineup one time; however, he/she must be inserted in the same position in the batting order that he/she possessed at the start of the game. The starting player may return to the lineup at any time, on offense or on defense. This includes all games.
 - b) Once the substitute has been removed from the game, he/she cannot return. He/She can make only one appearance in the game.
 - c) Once a player pitcher has been removed from the mound, they may return to the mound the same game provided he/she has not violated any pitching rules.
- 2.02 If a manager or coach has used all his eligible players and a player is injured, ejected, or becomes ill and cannot continue, the OPPOSING MANAGER must select one or more players on the bench who has already been in the game to replace the injured, ejected, or ill player(s). If there is no one for the OPPOSING MANAGER to select, that spot in the batting order will become an out unless there are the required number of players on team.
 - a) A coach or player that is ejected must sit out the remainder of the current game and the entire next game. That player or coach becomes an illegal participant until he has sat out his required games.
- When play is halted by officials for an injury, and a player is removed from the game, he/she will be declared an injured player and will not be allowed to return to the game. Only an eligible player may be used as a replacement for the injured player.

3.00 MANAGERS AND COACHES

- **3.01** Lil Sluggers, Division 1/T-Ball, & Division 2: 1 Hd. 3 Asst. Division 3 & 4: 1 Hd. 2 Asst.
- **3.02** Except for the on deck batter all players must remain in the dugout throughout the game.
- 3.03 Only registered adult coaches and the manager of the team are permitted on the coaching lines. The adult manager or coaches may moderately dispute any decision or may discuss any point with the umpires to the extent allowed by the rules of baseball. However, if they at any time make any derogatory remarks or undue criticisms about/or to the opposing players or umpire, he/she shall immediately be ejected from the current game and must sit out the entire next game.
- 3.04 The manager is responsible for the conduct of coaches, team, and fans.

4.00 FORFEITURE, APPEALS & PROTEST

- **4.01** Should a question arise as to the interpretation of the playing rules, only the manager/head coach may appeal.
- 4.02 Playing ineligible players or pitchers will result in forfeiture of games. Should both teams use ineligible players, or pitchers, both teams will be credited with a loss. If it is determined that the manager/head coach allowed an ineligible player to play they will be suspended from the next game.
 - A player that is not an approved player on the playing roster is an ineligible player.
 - A pitcher who has exceeded his allotted number of innings is ineligible and the game will be forfeited if protested.
 - Any player pitching deemed too old by divisional rules is an ineligible player.
- **4.03** A protest which involves an umpire's judgment may NOT be made (i.e., Ball/Strike, Fair/Foul, Safe/Out).
 - The only legal protest is one in which a violation of playing rules has occurred, or the use of an ineligible player or ineligible substitute has occurred.
- **4.04** A protest may be made only on a misinterpretation of a rule and ineligibility of a player or players.
 - A protest based on the misinterpretation of a rule must be made before the next legal pitch.
 - All other protests, including ineligibility or legality of a player or players must be made before the team or umpires leave the playing field at completion of game.
 - Protest must be made to the head umpire.
 - The protest committee after hearing the protesting manager and the manager of the opposing team shall decide and that decision will be final. There will be no appeal.
 - The protest committee will be made up of league officials from Panama City Beach Parks & Recreation.

5.00 SPECIAL RULES

- **5.01** No spectator shall be allowed on the field during the playing of any game.
 - If a spectator enters onto the playing field during the playing of any game, the umpire in charge will clear the field and the spectator will have to leave immediately under penalty of having the game forfeited.
- **5.02** No person except the officially registered players of the team, the manager, and the coaches will be allowed on the bench or in the dugout during the playing of any game.
- 5.03 A baseball player, manager, coach, umpire, or game official will not be allowed to use tobacco products, alcohol, or profanity during the ballgame.
 - If in the opinion of the umpires a player, manager, coach, scorekeeper, or fan conducts themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner or commits any act which may maim or injure an opposing player, if deemed deliberate, they shall be ejected from the game.
 - If a manager, coach, or player is ejected they must leave the complex and sit out the remainder of the game and the next scheduled game.
- **5.04** No manager, player, substitute, or coach shall at any time, whether from the bench, the coach's box, the playing field, or elsewhere:
 - Incite or try to incite by spoken word, sign, or gesture for a demonstration by spectators. Nor shall they, use language which would refer to or reflect negatively towards opposing players, umpires, or any spectators.
 - Call "time" or employ any word, phrase, or commit any act while the ball is alive and in play for the obvious purpose of trying to make the pitcher commit a balk.
- 5.05 The home team must have their pitcher warmed up and ready to pitch after eight (8) warm up pitches, or two (2) minutes, immediately after the umpire notifies the teams to play ball.
- **5.06** No artificial noisemakers allowed.

Penalty: Offender will be removed after one (1) warning.

5.07 The infield fly rule is in effect for Divisions 3, 4, & 5.

6.00 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

6.01 Panama City Beach Parks & Rec. playing age for the current year will be his/her age as of May 31st of the current year for all ages 15 and under.

FOR PITCHING PURPOSE ANY PLAYER THAT TURNS 13 YEARS OLD BEFORE June 10th OF CURRENT YEAR WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PITCH.

- a) A player may play up one age group in local play.
- b) A player cannot play down from their age group.

EXAMPLE: An 8-year-old may request to play up in 9/10 division, but a 7-year-old may not play in the 5/6 Division.

7.0 Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Defined: <u>Unsportsmanlike conduct</u> can include, but is not limited to the following: Having a "bad attitude" (i.e., continually complaining or griping, open defiance, rebellious nature, back talk, disrespectfulness to any person including players, adults, officials and staff), intentional rudeness or crudeness, taunting, baiting, questioning an official's judgment or showing disgust with decisions, and profane or insulting language or gestures, Using, possessing of drugs, alcohol or tobacco, stealing, any verbal or physical abuse of any person, or willful damage to the fields or their fixtures will be cause for suspension from the program, either temporarily, permanently or even for life from any Parks & Recreation activity or facility, and possible criminal or civil charges. ALL AT THE DISCRETION OF MANAGEMENT.

Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Players or coaches that break the league policy on unsportsmanlike conduct will be ejected from the game and must leave the facility immediately. The coach will also be suspended for the following game and possibly more games depending on the severity of the situation. If a player or coach is ejected from a 2nd game, that player or coach will be suspended for the rest of the season including playoffs and may be suspended for LIFE from all Parks and Recreation activities.

Any person(s) in the spectator stands who intentionally uses foul language, or unsportsmanlike conduct directed towards any play, official, coach, score keeper/timer, or other spectator during play of the game can be asked to leave the complex for the remainder of the game. When a spectator continues to be unruly, or refuses to leave the complex, the game will be halted until the situation is resolved. Then the game can proceed in an orderly manner.

DIVISION 1 AGES 5-6

The playing Field.

- 1st and 3rd base will be 50' from the point of home plate.
- The pitching rubber will be 35'
- The distance of the outfield fence will be 120'

Equipment

- Players must wear the uniform issued by Panama City Beach Parks & Recreation.
 No Exceptions.
- Each coach will have an equipment bag checked out to them with bats, balls, and helmets in it. The coach will be required to turn the equipment bag at the end of the season.

Game Rules

- A R.I.F. (reduced injury factor) baseball will be used.
- Home team will be in the 1st base dugout. Visiting team will be in the 3rd base dugout.
- All players are in the batting order positions:
 - a) A pitcher is placed on the mound.
 - b) The remaining players will be placed around the infield area, with one designated first baseman. Defensive coaches are permitted on the field behind players for instructional purposes (this is encouraged). Coaches are not permitted to touch a live ball.
- The manager or a coach will tee up the ball for the batters and is permitted (and encouraged) to instruct the batter at home plate. Each player at bat will consist of five (5) swings and then the use of the batting tee (this MUST be enforced, or games will become too long and uninteresting for the children).
- First and third base coaches are permitted in the coaching boxes to coach the runners.
- All games will last approximately 1 hour to a maximum of 1 hour 15 minutes.
- No bunting is allowed.
- No base stealing is allowed.
- There will be no leading off the bases.
- There are no strikeouts.
- There is no infield fly rule.
- If a player is put out, he/she may remain on the base (unless thrown out at home). Multiple base runners ending up on the same base will be rearranged.
- An offensive inning consists of one time around the batting order regardless of the number of outs made by the defensive team.
- Scores will not be kept.

DIVISION 2 AGES 7-8

The Playing Field

- 1st and 3rd base will be 60 feet from the point of home plate.
- The distance from the point of home plate to 2nd base will be 84' 10"
- The distance of the outfield fence will be 180ft.
- This Division is Coach Pitch. The pitching circle will be 10 ft. in diameter and the center will be 40 ft. from the back of the home plate. There will be a pitching line that runs straight down between the pitching circle and foul arc. There will be a line halfway between the foul arc and the pitching circle. The pitcher may pitch from this halfway line if they are on or straddling the pitching line. The pitcher may NOT pitch in front of the halfway line.
- There is a 20 ft chalked arc in front of home plate from the 1st & 3rd base line which will be designated as the foul line for this division. On a hit ball, the ball must be on the line or pass the line to be considered a fair ball.

Equipment

- The umpire will inspect the catcher's equipment before each game begins.
- Metal cleats will NOT be allowed in this league.
- Players must wear the uniform issued be Panama City Beach Parks & Rec. No Exceptions.
- Facemasks are not required for anyone in the field except for catchers.
- All batters are required to wear batting helmets with facemasks on them.

Game/Time Limit

- A regulation game consists of 6 innings.
- No new inning will start after 1 hour and 15 minutes. The new inning begins when the last out was made in the previous inning.
- Once an inning begins, the time limit will not be enforced if the home team is winning during the visiting teams at bat.
- Time Limit will be enforced if the home team is winning during their at bat.
- There is no game ending Run Rule.
- A team may only score a maximum of 7 runs per inning.
- All regular season games that finish in a tie, will be declared a tie.

Coaches: This is Strictly a Recreation League

- Each player is required to play a minimum of 6 outs in the field and all players that are present for the game will be in the batting lineup for the entire game. The batting order will never change.
- Failure to play a player the minimum will be cause for that coach to be suspended from the next game and placed on probation for the remainder of the season. A 2nd suspension for not playing each player the minimum requirement will be cause for suspension for coaching the remainder of the year from all Parks & Rec youth sports programs.
- There will be one coach allowed on the field when playing defense. The coach must be always in the outfield on the grass. NO Exceptions.

Other Rules

- . It is ruled a complete game if:
 - a) 4 or more innings have been played, or, 3 1/2 will constitute a complete game if the home team is ahead at the end of the 1/2 inning.
 - b) 1/2 of an inning is completed and the home team is ahead, the game is ended at that point with the home team ahead.
 - c) If a game is halted for any cause before it is completed, the game will be rescheduled by league coordinators and it will be resumed at the point of termination. The time limit will still be in effect.
 For Example: If one hour was already played, the game will pick up and begin at the 1-hour mark.
- **Forfeits**: Teams may play a game with 8 players. If a team has less than 8 players, it will be declared a forfeit. The opposing team will not play down. If a team only has 8 players only the 9th batting positions will be recorded as an out. If the team forfeits the game, the losing team will receive players from the opposing team and a scrimmage game will be played. Umpires will umpire scrimmage games.
- Every player will be in the batting lineup so there is no re-entry rule.
 - Injured Players If a player leaves the game injured, that player may not return to the game. When that player comes up in the batting lineup, no out will be recorded. That player will be skipped and the next player in the lineup will be up to bat. If an injury causes a team to go below 8 players, the game will become a forfeit.
 - *** If a runner on the base is removed for an injury, the player who made the last out will be the pinch runner.
 - *** Protest: See rule 4.04 in Baseball Rules.
- There will be no courtesy runners.

- Home team will be in the 1st base dugout. Visiting team will be in the 3rd base dugout.
- No stealing bases.
- Throwing of the bat: After one warning per game, the batter will be declared out on the second time for throwing of the bat, a dead ball will be called, and no runners will advance.
- If a batter squares to bunt and then swing, he/she will be called out. (Umpires decision)
- Teams will bat all players present for that game and will play 10 players in the field on defense. (6 infielders and 4 outfielders). The outfielders must be in the grass before the pitch is thrown.
- Players are not allowed ANY outside practices or practice games. Each team will be given 1 practice and 1 game per week once the season begins. Each team will also be allowed one optional batting cage practice to be scheduled through the league supervisor.

Pitching/ Hitting Rules

- The coach must have one foot on/or straddling the pitching line when pitching the ball and must be between the pitching rubber and the halfway line.
- The play is dead once the ball is caught within the pitching circle and no runners have passed the commit line, if a runner has not crossed the commit line, they must return to the base they previously occupied.
- Any batted ball that hits the pitching coach will be a dead ball and a no pitch. No runner may advance.
- Each batter will be allowed 5 pitches or 3 strikes, whichever comes first, then will be considered an out.
- Players below the age of 7 have the option of being pitched too underhanded.

Playoff Rules

No playoff in Division 2

DIVISION 3 AGES 9-10

Rules will be governed by the Dizzy Dean Baseball League Rule Book with the adopted Panama City Beach Parks and Recreation Rules below:

Exception: Bat Rule (Dizzy Dean Rule Book can be found at www.dizzydeanbbinc.org)

The Playing Field

- 1st and 3rd base will be 65 feet from the point of home plate.
- The distance from the point of home plate to 2nd base will be 91' 11"
- The distance of the outfield fence will be 200 ft.
- The pitching rubber will be 46 feet from the point of home plate.

Equipment

- All catcher's male or female must wear a chest protector, shin-guards, approved catchers' helmet, mask, throat protector and a protective cup. The umpire will inspect the catcher's equipment before the game begins.
- Metal cleats will not be allowed in this league.
- Players must wear the uniform issued by Panama City Beach Parks and Recreation. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Facemasks are not required for anyone in the field except for catchers.
- All batters are required to wear batting helmets with facemasks on them.

Game/Time Limit

- A regulation game consists of 6 innings.
- No new inning will start after 1 hr. and 15 minutes. The new inning begins when the last out was made in the previous inning.
- Once an inning begins, the time limit will not be enforced if the home team is winning during the visiting teams at bat.
- Time Limit will be enforced if the home team is winning during their at bat.
- There is no game ending Run Rule during the regular season.
- A team may only score a maximum of 7 runs per inning during regular season:
- During playoffs, there is no maximum run per inning and the run rule will be 10 runs after the 4th inning. If the home team is ahead by 10 runs at the bottom of the 4th game will end & home team wins.
- All regular season games that finish in a tie, will be declared a tie.

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- Each player is required to play a minimum 6 outs in the field and all players that are present at the game will be in the batting lineup.
 - a. Failure to play a player the minimum will be cause for that coach to be suspended for the next game and placed on probation for the remainder of the season.
 - A 2nd suspension for not playing each player the minimum requirement will be cause for suspension from coaching the remainder of the year from all Parks and Recreation youth sports programs.
- 2. The batting order will never change during a game.

Other Rules

- 1. Any coach who calls time and goes onto the playing field more than once in one inning will be required to remove the current pitcher from the mound to a position in the field or to the bench.
 - As long as the pitcher is not removed from the game, that pitcher may return to the mound later that game provided they have not violated any of the pitching rules.
- 2. Every player will be in the batting lineup so there is no re-entry rule.
- 3. **Injured Players**: If a player leaves the game injured, that player may not return to the game. When that player comes up in the batting lineup no out will be recorded. That player will be skipped and the next player in the lineup will be up to bat.
 - a. If an injury causes a team to go below 8 players, the game will become a forfeit.
- 4. If a runner on the base is removed for an injury, the player who made the last out will be the pinch runner.

It is ruled a completed game if:

- a) 4 or more innings have been played, or 3 1/2 will constitute a complete game if the home team is ahead at the end of the 1/2 inning.
- b) 1/2 of an inning is complete and the home team is ahead, the game is ended at that point with the home team ahead.
- c) If a game is halted for any cause before it is completed, the game will be rescheduled by league coordinators, and it will be resumed at the point of

termination. The time limit will still be in effect. (This means that if an hour was already played, the game will pick up and begin at the 1-hour mark.

- All regular season games that finish in a tie will be declared a tie.
- Home team will be in the 1st base dugout. Visiting team will be in the 3rd base dugout.
- There will be no leading off the bases.
- The pitch must cross home plate before the runner can steal a base.
- Any base runner leaving the base before the ball reaches home plate is out. (Umpire's decision)
- Once the pitcher has possession of the ball and is in contact with the pitching rubber, any base runner who does not immediately advance to the next base or return to the previously occupied base is out. (Umpire decision)
 - a) The ball is dead, and no other runners may advance until the next pitched ball has crossed home plate.
 - b) EXCEPTION: The runner is not out if a play is made on the runner (i.e., making a move toward the runner or faking a throw).
- Throwing of the bat after one warning per game, the batter will be declared out on the second time for throwing of the bat, a dead ball will be called, and no runners will advance.
- If a batter squares to bunt and then swings, he/she will be called out.

 (Umpire's decision)
- Three strikes are an out even if the ball is dropped.
- Teams will bat all players present for that game and will play 10 players in the field on defense (6 infielders and 4 outfielders).
- There are no balks.
- Teams are **not** allowed any outside practices. Each team will be given one practice and one/two game(s) per week. Each team will also be allowed one optional batting cage practice to be scheduled through the league supervisor.
- Protest: See rule 4.04 in Baseball Rules

Forfeits:

Teams may play a game with 8 players. If a team has less than 8 players, it will be declared a forfeit. The opposing team will not play down. If a team only has 8 players, the 9th batting positions will be recorded as an out. There is not an out for the 10th position. If the team forfeits the game, the losing team will receive players from the opposing team and a scrimmage game will be played. Umpires will umpire scrimmage games.

Pitching Rules

- An inning is interpreted to mean the following.
 a) If a pitcher throws at least one pitch in an inning, they will be charged for that entire inning.
- Pitcher Re-entry Rule: A pitcher may re-enter the mound one time per game, provided he/she has not been removed from the game and/or has not violated any of the pitching rules.
- A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 6 innings per week and 3 INNINGS PER GAME.
- A pitcher can pitch in consecutive games if he/she does not violate any of the following rules:
 - a) A pitcher is allowed 6 innings per week.
 - b) The pitching week starts at 12:00 am on Monday and ends at 11:59 pm on Sunday.
 - c) A pitcher is limited to 3 innings per game.

Playoff Rules

During the playoffs, if a game is tied at the end of the 6th inning or after the time limit, a tie breaker rule will go into effect.

The Tie Breaker Rule for Playoff:

For each team, the last player to bat in the previous inning will occupy 2nd base to begin the extra inning. The at bat ends once there are three outs. Once the home team scores more than the visiting team the game will end. If the game is still tied at the end of the evening we will begin using the extreme tie breaker rule.

EXTREME TIE BREAKER RULE: In the 2nd extra inning, each team will have the last 3 batters in the previous inning occupying first, second, and third to begin the inning. This rule will continue until there is a declared winner.

Single Elimination Tournament:

- > Time Limit is the same as regular season games.
- Played during the last week of the season.
- Tournament seeding is set at the beginning of the season as shown on the schedule.

DIVISION 4 AGES 11-13

Rules will be governed by the Dizzy Dean Baseball League Rule Book with the adopted Panama City Beach Parks and Recreation Rules below:

Exception: Bat Rule (Dizzy Dean Rule Book can be found at www.dizzydeanbbinc.org)

The Playing Field

- 1st and 3rd base will be 70 feet from the point of home plate.
- The distance from the point of home plate to 2nd base will be 99 feet.
- The distance of the outfield fence will be 225 feet.
- The pitching rubber will be 50 feet from the point of home plate.

Equipment

- All catcher's male or female must wear a chest protector, shin-guards, approved catchers' helmet, mask, throat protector and a protective cup. The umpire will inspect the catcher's equipment before the game begins.
- Metal cleats will not be allowed in this league.
- Pitchers must wear turf shoes when pitching.
- Players must wear the uniform issued by Panama City Beach Parks and Recreation. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Facemasks are not required for anyone in the field except catchers.
- All batters are required to wear batting helmets with facemasks on them.

Game/Time Limit

- A regulation game consists of 6 innings.
- No new inning will start after 1 hr. and 15 minutes. The inning begins when the last out was made in the previous inning.
- Once an inning begins, the time limit will not be enforced if the home team is winning during the visiting teams at bat.
- Time Limit will be enforced if the home team is winning during their at bat.
- There is no game ending Run Rule during the regular season. A team may only score a maximum of 7 runs per inning during regular season: During playoffs, there is no maximum runs per inning and the run rule will be 10 runs after the 4th inning. If the home team is ahead by 10 runs at the bottom of the 4th the game will end & home team wins.

All regular season games that finish in a tie, will be declared a tie.

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- Each player is required to play a minimum 6 outs in the field and all players that are present at the game will be in the batting lineup. The batting order will never change. Failure to play a player the minimum will be cause for that coach to be suspended for the next game and placed on probation for the remainder of the season. A 2nd suspension for not playing each player the minimum requirement will be cause for suspension for coaching the remainder of the year from all Parks and Recreation youth sports programs.
- 13-Year-olds' are restricted from pitching in this league.
 ***SEE PITCHING RULES FOR ELIGIBILITY

Other Rules

Any coach who calls time and goes onto the playing field more than once in one inning will be required to remove the current pitcher from the mound to a position in the field or to the bench. If that pitcher is not removed from the game that pitcher may return to the mound later that game if they have not violated any of the pitching rules. Every player will be in the batting lineup so there is no re-entry rule.

Injured Players: If a player leaves the game injured, that player may not return to the game. When that player comes up in the batting lineup no out will be recorded. That player will be skipped and the next player in the lineup will be up to bat. If an injury causes a team to go below 8 players, the game will become a forfeit.

*** If a runner on the base is removed for an injury, the player who made the last out will be the pinch runner.

It is ruled a completed game if:

- a) If 4 or more innings have been played, or 3 1/2 will constitute a complete game if the home team is ahead at the end of the 1/2 inning.
- b) 1/2 of an inning is complete and the home team is ahead, the game is ended at that point with the home team ahead.
- c) If a game is halted for any cause before it is completed, the game will be rescheduled by league coordinators, and it will be resumed at the point of termination. The time limit will still be in effect. (This means that if an hour was already played, the game will pick up and begin at the 1-hour mark.
- There will be no courtesy runners.

- **Forfeits**: Teams may play a game with 8 players. If a team has less than 8 players, it will be declared a forfeit. The opposing team will not play down. If a team only has 8 players, the 9th batting position will be an automatic out. If the team forfeits the game, the losing team will receive players from the opposing team and a scrimmage game will be played. Umpires will umpire scrimmage games.
- Protest: See rule 4.04 in Baseball Rules
- Runners can lead off the bases and steal at any time, unless it is a dead ball (Umpire's decision).
- Home team will be in the 1st base dugout. Visiting team will be in the 3rd base dugout.
- **Throwing of the bat**: After one warning per game, the batter will be declared out on the second time for throwing of the bat, a dead ball will be called, and no runners will advance.
- If a batter squares to bunt and then swings, he/she will be called out. (Umpire decision)
- Batter may advance if the third strike is not legally caught by the catcher and first base is not occupied. Exception, when the third strike is a called inning ending out.
- You will be allowed 10 players on the field on defense (6 infielders and 4 outfielders)
- There are balks in this division. (Umpire's Decision)
- Teams are not allowed ANY outside practices or practice games. Each team will be given 1 practice and 1 or 2 game(s) per week once the season begins. Each team will also be allowed one optional batting cage practice to be scheduled through the league supervisor.

Pitching Rules

- An inning is interpreted to mean the following:
 - a) If a pitcher throws at least one pitch in an inning, they will be charged for that entire innings.
- Pitcher re-entry Rule: A pitcher may re-enter the mound one time per game, provided he/she has not been removed from the game and/or has not violated any of the pitching rules.
- A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 6 innings per week and 3 innings per game.
 - a) A pitcher is allowed 6 innings per week.
 - b) The pitching week starts at 12:00am on Monday and ends at 11:59pm on Sunday.
 - c) A pitcher is limited to 3 innings per game.

PLAYER THAT TURNS 13 YEARS OLD BEFORE June 10th OF CURRENT YEAR WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PITCH.

Playoff Rules

During the playoffs, if a game is tied at the end of the 6th inning or after the time limit, a tie breaker rule will go into effect.

The Tie Breaker Rule for Playoff: For each team, the last player to bat in the previous inning will occupy 2nd base to begin the extra inning. The at bat ends once there are three outs. Once the home team scores more than the visiting team the game will end. If the game is still tied at the end of the inning, we will begin using the extreme tie breaker rule.

The Extreme Tie Breaker Rule: In the 2nd extra inning, each team will have the last 3 batters in the previous inning occupying first, second, and third to begin the inning. This rule will continue until there is a declared winner.

Single Elimination Tournament:

- > Time Limit same as regular season games.
- Played during the last week of the season.
- Random tournament seeding is set at the beginning of the season as showed on the schedule.