

19. In softball, with a 10 or more run lead after four (4) innings, the team that is behind may accept the defeat and declare the team that is ahead the victor or choose to continue to play the 7 innings or until 5:30 p.m. If the decision is to accept the mercy ruling [declaring one team the victor], the teams may continue to play 7 innings or until 5:30 p.m. without the service of the umpires. In the event the decision is to continue to play, the umpires will be expected to stay until the completion of the 7 innings or until 5:30 p.m.
20. Teams may bat as many batters (extra hitters) as they please (at least 10). Once the number is established, it must remain the entire game, unless injury does not allow.
21. The MIAA sliding and collision rule is in effect for baseball. The rule is included as Appendix A.
22. Baseball and softball rosters must have at least fifteen (15) players.
In baseball:
- Each player must have one turn at bat and play at least one inning in the field every two games
 - Every effort should be made for each player to play every game
23. The Massasoit Principals strongly recommend that parents let their students play or practice only once in a given school day.
24. Practices are not allowed on weekends. Practices should be limited to two hours.
25. The MIAA aluminum bat rule for certification of aluminum bats is in place for baseball. This rule is included as appendix B.
26. The pitching rubber in softball will be at 45 feet.

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MASSASOIT ATHLETIC LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT

The principals of the Massasoit League would like to express our concerns about the apparent deterioration of sportsmanship in middle school/junior high school athletics. All spectators are reminded that we are dealing with young athletes, not professionals, who are trying to do their best for each respective school.

We request that all cheering be supportive and spectators are reminded that there will be no jeering, criticizing, or downgrading of opposing players, coaches, or the officials.

Let's make this contest a positive experience for all concerned!

MASSASOIT LEAGUE PRINCIPALS