

Major Division Rules

PITCHING:

1. Curve balls may be thrown at the Majors level.
2. Pitching week: Monday through Sunday.
3. Maximum number of innings each week: 6
4. If a pitcher delivers one pitch in an inning, that pitcher shall be charged for one inning pitched.
5. A daily maximum of 65 pitches may be delivered in 1 day or in the case of a back to back game (Ex. Fri & Sat) 2 days.
6. Maximum number of pitches per game and subsequent required rest will be determined as follows:
 1. 1-30 pitches requires no rest
 2. 31-45 pitches requires 1 day rest
 3. 46-65 pitches requires 2 days rest
7. For DH the daily maximum pitch limit can be spread over both games.
8. For back-to-back games (i.e. Fri & Sat) the daily pitch and rest requirement is in effect. (Example, if the pitcher pitches 35 pitches on Friday he is required 1 day of rest and is **NOT** eligible to pitch on Saturday. If the pitcher pitches 28 pitches on Friday, he is eligible to pitch on Saturday up to the 65 pitch limit.)
9. If the pitcher reaches a rest limit while facing their final batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out, unless he reaches his daily maximum of 65 pitches. The recorded pitch count shall revert to the threshold limit. (example, a pitcher starts pitching to a batter at 27 pitches and strikes the batter out on the 32nd pitch. His pitch count would revert back to 30 pitches and he would not have a required rest day. If a pitcher starts a batter at 62 pitches and reaches 65 pitches before the batter is out or reaches base he **MUST** be removed.
10. As a pitcher, if you are removed from the pitcher's position, you are **not** eligible to re-enter the game as a pitcher at a later time.
11. BALKS – Pitchers will be given one warning for a Balk Infraction during **NON-TOURNAMENT GAMES**. A second infraction will result in a penalty. There will be no warnings given to the pitchers during tournament games.

CONTACT RULE:

1. If a runner attempting to reach home plate or another base intentionally and maliciously runs into a defensive player in the area of home or a base, he will be called out and ejected from the game.

SCORING:

1. In non-tournament games, only 5 runs will count per inning. Once the 5th run in an inning is scored, the ball is dead and the inning is over, regardless of the number of outs. **This rule is not in effect in the sixth inning.** The rule is still in effect in the fifth inning, even if the fifth inning is deemed to be the last inning.
2. A game is over when one team is ahead by ten or more runs at the end of the fourth inning (if the home team has a lead of ten or more runs after the end of the top half of the fourth inning, the game is over).
3. At the start of each extra inning, a runner is placed on second base- the runner will be the last recorded batter of the previous inning. This format play shall continue until (1) the visiting team has scored more total runs than the home team at the end of a completed inning, or (2) the home team scores the winning run in an uncompleted inning

GAME RULES, OTHER RULES and PROCEDURES:

1. Base running – Leadoffs and stealing is allowed in the Majors Division.
2. Infield fly rule is in effect.
3. Fake Bunt / Slash Bunt- A batter is out for illegal action when the player fakes a bunt and then takes a full swing, thus eliminating a player from fake bunting (slap-hitting) the ball. **Penalty:** Batter is out, the ball is dead, no runners may advance.
4. Anyone warming up a pitcher at **any location** shall wear a face mask. A throat protector is considered part of the catcher's mask.
5. No new inning may begin after two hours from a game's start time, unless the score is tied, daylight permits, and there is no game scheduled afterwards, in which case only one more inning shall be played. The pitching rules remain in effect in an extra-inning game.
6. The major division will be allowed to have **FOUR** rostered coaches. There will be no rotating coaches in & out; no exceptions.
7. Please remember that our league is united in its support of our umpires, including the volunteer umpires at the Rookie games. The umpires take all of the games seriously and do the best they can, without the benefit of a two-man crew. The umpires are our

fellow coaches, friends, and members of our community. Please treat them, and ensure that your team's players and spectators treat them with the utmost respect.

TOURNAMENT RULES:

1. Game rules do not change during the tournament except in the following ways:
 - a. the handling of balks as mentioned above
 - b. the number of runs allowed per inning is not limited as mentioned above
2. The two top teams coming out of each division's tournament will play each other on Championship Day. The two top teams in each division are the two teams with the best tournament win/loss record.
3. Since we have to account for tie ball games at the youth baseball level, if any tournament games end in a tie, a tie shall be worth a third of a win. Think of it as a win being valued at three points, a tie at one point, and a loss at no points.
4. To be eligible to participate in tournament play, a player, manager or coach must be listed on the regular season roster and on tournament rosters before competing in the first level of tournament play.