

Playoff Format and Structure

All teams will make the playoffs. Playoffs will be a Double elimination bracket tournament.

Rankings/Final Standings:

You can see the league rankings by clicking on the 2026 season tab, select your League and leave the team blank (should read "select") Then simply click on "Standings" on the left menu column.

Rankings are computed: Wins = 2 points, ties = 1 point.

If there is a tie, it will be broken by head to head record, and then Runs Against (RA), then Runs Differential (RD), and then a coin toss if need be.

All games played will count toward end of season standings including games played with any co-ops.

During the playoffs the home team will be the team that is the higher seed according to the final regular season standings until the championship game. The undefeated team will be the home team in the championship game. In the case of the "If Necessary" game, the highest seed of the regular season would be the home team. All playoff games will be played solely with MYBA registered teams and players; no co-op towns will be invited to participate in the playoffs.

Playoff Rules:

All regular season Rules apply with the additional following constraints. A quick reminder on the regular season rules will follow the special constraints for the playoffs.

All teams are expected to start a play-off game with a MINIMUM of 9 players. Players may be called up from the next level down for any game with no limit to the number of times he/she can be called up. Penalty for not having 9 is a forfeit. Teams may continue with 8 players as a result of injury or ejection.

- If the injury results in the team having fewer than 8 players, that team must forfeit the game regardless of the current score.

Major League calls up from any Minor team not playing at the same time

Minor League calls up from any AAA team not playing at the same time

- The call-ups must not pitch
- Must be placed at the bottom of the batting order
- Must NOT start ahead of a rostered player
- Must NOT play more innings than a rostered player.
- AAA Players **MUST** be league age 8 or 7
- Minor League Players **MUST** be league age 10
- Penalty for an illegal player will be a forfeit

Ties – Playoff games may not end in a tie. Teams must continue playing the game until there is a winner.

Suspended Games - If a game is suspended in a tie due to weather or curfew OR due to weather where the game is not official (4/3.5 innings played), the game will continue at a rescheduled date from where it left off. The same batting order as original game with new additions added to the bottom and missing players removed without penalty. If the game is suspended due to weather or curfew and is official, then that game will be considered to have been completed.

- Pitchers that have already pitched cannot re-enter as pitcher.
- For any pitcher still in the game at the time of suspension, he/she must observe the rest rule (majors

only) if they are to continue in the resumed game. Innings pitched in that game will not reset no matter how long the interval between games.

Time Limit – For playoffs, there will be no time limit for any games. All efforts will be made to keep the game at a reasonable pace and umpires will be directed to urge pace of play.

Rules reminders & clarification

Injured Players - Injured base-runners should be replaced by the player who made the last out. If no outs that inning, go to last player who scored. If no one has scored, go to last batter of previous inning. If a player is pinch run for they are no longer eligible to play in the game without exception (including to replace another injured or ejected player).

Batting Order – All players must bat. Late arriving players placed at end of order.

Minimum Play Rule – All players present must play a minimum of three innings AND no player shall sit two innings in a row. Innings that the player is absent (late arrival, early departure) may count towards the players 3 innings.

No Slashing

No Head first Slides

Slide or Avoid Contact - Applies as normal

Official Game – Applies as normal

Ineligible players – Applies as normal except that the protest must be submitted within 24hrs

Base Running Clarification – All base running rules including leading/stealing rule at 3rd base for majors remain in effect.

Mercy Rule – Applies as normal (11 and 6 for Minors, 12 and 8 for Majors)

Minimum Play Rule: At the end of the regular season of play and entering the playoff games, the rule shall adjust for a more competitive level of play. All present players must play a minimum of three innings AND no player shall sit two innings in a row. Innings that the player is absent (late arrival, early departure) may count towards the players 3 minimum innings.

Pitching

- Call-ups cannot Pitch
- 12-year-olds in Minors cannot pitch.
- No intentional walks
- No breaking balls
- Minors – Maximum 2 innings per game, 6 innings per week (week is Monday through Sunday)
- Majors – Maximum 3 innings per game, 6 innings per week (week is Monday through Sunday)
 - If a player pitches more than 2 innings in a game they MUST have 2 full calendar days of rest. A new week DOES NOT supersede the rest rule. For example, if a player pitches 3 innings on a Saturday he would NOT be eligible to pitch on Monday even though it is a new week. That pitcher would be eligible to pitch beginning on Tuesday.
- Penalty for violation of innings rules is forfeit of the game where the violation took place.
- Pitching innings will reset for the start of the playoffs. However, the pitching week will remain Monday to Sunday. Also, regular season rest rules will apply to Major League pitchers who pitch 3 innings in a game.