



11-12 Baseball Rules

- 1) Games Monday through Friday will start at 6:30pm unless otherwise noted
 - a. Saturday game times are TBD based on field availability
- 2) Games last 6 innings
- 3) No new inning will start after 2 hours
- 4) Mercy rule is 15 runs after 4 innings and 10 runs after 5 innings.
- 5) Teams must start and end games with at least 8 players.
- 6) All players will be in the batting order
- 7) All players must have a fielding position for at least 2 innings and get a minimum of 1 at bat per game
 - a. If a player is unable to bat due to injury they will be skipped, not counted as an out
- 8) Bats must be Little League approved (2 ¼" barrel). No big barrel bats
- 9) Pitchers can pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game.
 - a. One pitch counts as an inning
 - b. Pitchers can only pitch 6 innings per week.
 - c. If the game ends in a tie, the pitcher on the mound can pitch 1 more inning without penalty
 - d. Coaches may visit the mound 2 times per inning. The 2nd visit requires a pitching change
- 10) No lead offs
- 11) Stealing 2nd or 3rd base is allowed after the ball crosses the plate or passes the catcher
 - a. If the runner is caught leaving early they will out
 - b. You may steal home on a passed ball.
 - c. You may pinch run for the catcher with 2 outs. Use the person who made the last out.
- 12) No advancement to 1st base after a dropped 3rd strike.
- 13) Bunting is allowed but slug bunts are not allowed (fake a bunt, pull the bat back then swing the bat)
- 14) Base runners must slide if there is a close play.
 - a. If the runner doesn't slide he is out and the team will receive a warning. The second incident from the same player will result in an ejection.
- 15) Infield Fly rule will be enforced
- 16) All batters and runners must wear protective helmets
- 17) Catchers must wear protective equipment and must wear a protective cup.
 - a. If you do not wear a protective cup you can not catch.
- 18) Throwing of equipment or profanity will not be tolerated.
 - a. A warning will be given on the first offense.
 - b. The second offense will result in an ejection
- 19) Profanity from coaches or parents will not be permitted or tolerated.
 - a. A warning will be given on the first offense
 - b. A second offense will result in an ejection
 - c. If a coach is ejected, please report it to the AWABSA board and further disciplinary action will take place.
- 20) The home team is the official book. Please check scores between innings to avoid conflicts.
- 21) The home team shall reschedule weather cancellations through the commissioner

- 22) Please stick to the original schedule for games. If for some emergency reason a game needs to be rescheduled, please confer with the other team and call the commissioner.
- 23) In the event of a rainout or time limit, an official game is 3.5 innings if the home team is ahead and 4 innings if the visitors are ahead. Note: in the event the umpire deems that the coach is stalling due to the time limit or weather conditions, he may at his discretion, forfeit the game to the opposing coach.
- 24) Inclement weather. We will error on the side of caution for safety of the players, coaches and parents. If lightning is seen, the game will be suspended for 30 minutes.
- 25) Please clean up the field and bench areas at the conclusion of each game.
 - a. Trash receptacles should be available at or near the field.

*** Coaches must set a good example for the youth of this league. AWAGSA will not accept and will dismiss coaches for abusive behavior towards players or umpires. If a coach or player is ejected, they will be suspended for one additional game. A second ejection will result in a suspension for the season. Remember, the boys are here to learn and enjoy the game of baseball. As a coach, you can make this happen.

Pitcher's Mound = 50'

Bases = 65'

6 Innings

Time Limit = 2 hours

Mercy = 15 runs after 4innings and 10 runs after 5

Bats = 2 ¼" barrel or Little League certified. Can not use big barrel bats

No metal cleats