

Minor Rules

Rules Concerning All Teams (Rules follow the priority of MBI By-Laws, Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Baseball, Major League Baseball)

1. Each player on a team must play a minimum of two innings and bat at least once. If a game is shortened for any reason, this rule does not apply. Each player must play and sit out equally throughout the season. Every player must sit once before another sits a second time. Each player must sit a second time before another player sits a third time and so on ...
2. In the event of injury to a player, after all eligible players have entered the game, at the discretion of the Umpire; a player may reenter a game as a replacement for the injured player. This player may not pitch, and must take the position of the injured player in the batting order.
3. In all leagues except Babe Ruth 16-18, a team may play with eight players if none are available. If a ninth player later become available, they will take the ninth position in the batting order (last position in Minor and Rookie). Coaches should not list players in their lineups until they are present. A batting order that is given to the opposing coach may not be altered later except as in a legal substitution. A team must field a legal team by 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time of the game, or forfeit.
4. Only registered players of the team, the coach and two assistants are allowed in the dugout. No batboys or batgirls are allowed in the dugouts.
5. No team of MBI may enter a team in a tournament or any other non-league games without the permission of the Commissioner.
6. The coaches of each division shall select the Super League Teams and Head Coach, with guidance from the Commissioner.
7. Coaches of Super League Teams may select their Assistant Coaches. Assistant Coaches will be from the same league as the Super League Team, unless none are available.
8. Traveling ball teams may borrow players from another traveling team for the purpose of filling a roster in out of town games. A Coach may not bench own players in order to play borrowed players. A borrowed player may not pitch in baseball.
9. All Coaches must return all equipment at the end of the season. Failure to do so will result in dismissal without right to protest. Coaches must collect all equipment usable, or broken, and return it to the appropriate Committee Chairperson.
10. No metal spikes are allowed in any league, except Babe Ruth 13-15 and 16-18.
11. The Commissioner may bar any player from participating in MBI Baseball/Softball, if the player is on the roster of any other non-academic team.
12. There is a two-hour time limit on all games. No inning may start after the two hours or after 10 p.m., 8:15 p.m. on unlighted fields. In case of a second game, (8 p.m. start) the first game may not start an inning after 8 p.m., regardless of the actual starting time of the first game. (Exception: Tournament or games with out of town teams) regardless of the number of innings played, the two-hour time limit constitutes a complete game.

13. Runners will be called out for an intentional collision, if the defensive player has the ball. These calls will be at the discretion of the Umpire.
14. Balls wedged under the fences shall be ruled doubles. If a player pulls a wedged ball from under the fence before being viewed by an umpire, the ball is in play and the runners may advance at their own risk. Balls that go under the fence are ground rolled doubles.
15. The home team dugout is on the first base line.
16. The home team Coach is responsible for bringing the bases to the storage building after the game.
17. A Coach may coach only one team per season.

RULES CONCERNING MINOR BASEBALL

1. Runners may lead off at risk. Runners may steal bases (Excluding Home) upon ball being pitched. Overthrown balls back to the pitcher, from the catcher, are dead unless the ball enters the grass area of the outfield. At that time, the runner may advance with liability to be put out.
2. When the bases are loaded, the batter may not be walked until seven called balls have been delivered to the plate. Once a batter has stepped to the plate under this rule, it shall remain in effect throughout the turn at bat.
3. All available players are listed in the batting order and come to bat even if they are not playing in the field at that time.
4. Teams must field at least eight players .if a Team in Minor Rookie League plays with only eight players, an out will be recorded in the ninth batting position (empty spot). In the event of the ninth player later becoming available, the player may take this spot in the batting order and no further penalty will be made. Coaches may not list batters in their lineup until they are bodily present and ably to play. A batting order that is presented to the opposing coach may not later be altered except as in a legal substitution.
This rule supersedes Rule No.3 under "Rules Concerning All Teams", for Minor and Rookie Leagues.
5. At the Coaches' discretion, free substitution of players is allowed. Players must play in the field at least every other inning. In Minor League only: A pitcher cannot return to the mound once he has left the position.
6. Regulation games shall be six innings in softball and baseball. Three innings using the pitcher machine and three innings of regular pitching. No game shall continue for more than eight innings.
7. No more than six runs per inning will be allowed to score, except in the last inning.
8. A pitcher who hits three batters in one inning, or four batters during the game, will not be allowed to pitch in the rest of the game.
9. No infield fly rule.
10. No dropped third strike.
11. Ten run rules shall not apply in league games.

12. At initial start of a game, each pitcher at the start of the first inning will be allowed 10 practice pitches, then play shall begin. All pitchers will be allowed five practice pitches at the beginning of all innings thereafter. If a new pitcher is brought into the game at any time, he/she will be allowed 10 practice pitches and shall abide by the five practice pitch rule thereafter.

Pitching Rules

Minor League will follow the following pitch count rules for their ages.

<i>Age</i>	<i>1 Day Rest</i>	<i>2 Day Rest</i>	<i>3 Day Rest</i>	<i>4 Day Rest</i>
<i>9-10</i>	<i>21+-10</i>	<i>34+-10</i>	<i>43+-10</i>	<i>51 or Finish Batter</i>
<i>11-12</i>	<i>27+-10</i>	<i>35+-10</i>	<i>55+-10</i>	<i>58 or Finish Batter</i>
<i>13-14</i>	<i>30+-10</i>	<i>36+-10</i>	<i>56+-10</i>	<i>70 or Finish Batter</i>
<i>15-16</i>	<i>25+-10</i>	<i>38+-10</i>	<i>62+-10</i>	<i>77 or Finish Batter</i>
<i>17-18</i>	<i>27+-10</i>	<i>45+-10</i>	<i>62+-10</i>	<i>89 or Finish Batter</i>

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