



COBA 13-16 SEASON GAME RULES

GENERAL RULES

- NFHS rules apply with the exceptions stated below. For the Spring Season MLB Rules Apply.
- Field is 90' bases and a 60'6" pitching rubber.
- Games will be seven innings. Two hour drop dead time limit. Time starts when the first pitch is thrown.
- If the schedule allows (30 minutes between games), 10 minutes are allowed for each team to take an infield warmup before each game. Home team goes first.
- No mercy rule – Five run cap per inning.
- All coaches and players shall be in the dugout 10 minutes prior to game starting time.

PLAYING TIME

- Teams will use a continuous batting order, all players will always be in the batting lineup.
- All players are encouraged to play at least three complete defensive innings except in the case of the games shortened due to time or weather.
- A coach may reduce playing time for injuries, unexcused absences, or unacceptable behavior.
- Coaches will inform the umpire and opposing coach if a player will not be playing.

BATTING/BASE RUNNING

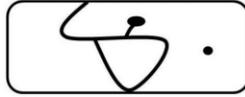
- Batters may run on a dropped third strike with two outs, or if first base is unoccupied with less than two outs. If the batter enters the dugout or other dead ball area, the batter is out.
- Runners may lead off, steal bases and advance at their own discretion on any throw or pitch.
- There is no "must slide" rule. However, a runner is called out if they do not attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag.
- Courtesy runners for pitcher and catchers are allowed; last batter (first inning) or last out.

PITCHING REGULATIONS

- The defensive manager or catcher may request an intentional walk.
- No pitcher shall pitch more than six innings per week or three innings in a day.
- The umpire may use their discretion to reduce the amount of warm up pitches if teams do not hustle in and out of the dugout.

EQUIPMENT

- All non-wood bats must bear the BBCOR .50 mark.
- The bat's diameter shall not exceed 2 5/8 inches.
- All BPF 1.15 bats are prohibited.
- Catchers must wear a protective cup.
- Shoes with metal cleats or spikes are allowed.



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TEAM EXPECTATIONS

- Home (3rd base) and visitor (1st base) designations are on the league schedule.
- Each team provides at least one new and one slightly used baseball for each game. Umpires return the baseballs after the game.
- Both teams will be responsible for retrieving and returning balls to plate umpire.
- Both teams are responsible for cleaning their dugout, under the bleachers and around the field. Please dispose of all garbage in proper receptacles.
- The home team is the official score keeper. Umpires may refer to them for confirmation or correction.
- The home team for the first game of the day installs the bases and lines the field; the visitor team drags the field and puts the bases away.

GENERAL CONDUCT

- Understand that umpires will make mistakes just as the players and coaches will. Many umpires are young and/or new to umpiring, and this is where they get their start.
- Only the head coach of the team should raise questions with the umpire. The conversation should be held in a respectful manner. If there is an issue a team would like addressed, the coach should contact the league after the game to discuss the issue.
- Coaches, parents, and players are expected to abide by the COBA code of conduct; COBA has a no tolerance policy for code of conduct violations that result in a game ejection.
- All ejections will result in COBA disciplinary actions including a mandatory two game suspension up to expulsion from future league participation.

REPORTING

- Notify the division coordinator and the opposing team within 48 hours for game cancellation.
- Notify the league or division coordinator for all incidents involving player safety.