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## **EAST AURORA BASEBALL & SOFTBALL**

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### **SPECIAL RULES FOR MAJOR LEVEL (ages 13-15)**

Use "Official Baseball Rules" (National Baseball Congress) with these exceptions:

1. Check schedule for game time and place. Game will consist of seven (7) innings.
2. Visitors: Take field fifteen (15) minutes before game start. Games begin at 6:15 pm.
3. A game will be considered a forfeit fifteen (15) minutes after scheduled starting time. A team can play with 8 (eight) players. The game must end with eight players.
4. At Aurora Outfitter field: Home team uses bench on third base side; visitors use bench on first base side. At Hamlin Park field: Home team uses bench on first base side; visitors use bench on third base side.
5. Tie games will be played to completion if conditions allow, otherwise they will be completed at a later date. A.S.A.P. THERE AFTER.
6. If a game is called, it is considered a regulation game:
  1. If 4 innings have been completed, or
  2. If the home team has scored more runs in 3 or 3 ½ innings than the visiting team has scored in 4 completed half innings.
7. Re-entry Rules:

There will be free substitutions of players. Each player on the roster present at the game must play a minimum of three (3) innings defensively. Pitchers cannot be taken out and inserted as a pitcher in that game.
8. Pitchers:
  1. May pitch 7 innings maximum per game.
    - a) One pitch in an inning constitutes an inning pitched
  2. Pitch 9 innings maximum in a seven day period.
  3. If pitchers pitch 3 or fewer innings in a game, zero days rest will be required.
  4. Four or more innings will require one day of rest before the next start.
  5. The balk rule will be in effect.
  6. If a starting or relief pitcher is pulled, he may not go back to the mound.
  7. If it is necessary to play three games in a 7 day period, a pitcher will be allowed to add four (4) additional innings to his weekly total.
  8. The nine innings maximum will be extended to (12) twelve innings per week for the playoffs only so long as the rest requirements are observed.
9. **LIGHTNING** – When lightning is seen or thunder is heard, the playing field is to be cleared immediately. Players should wait in vehicles for 30 minutes to determine if the storm is going to pass. Play cannot continue until 15 minutes have passed without any sign of lightning or sound of thunder. Coaches will help to enforce this rule.
10. Playoffs: All eight (8) teams will make playoffs.
  1. First round will take place at higher seeds diamond.
  2. One Umpire for playoff games to be paid by both teams. Each team pays ½.
  3. Championship game to be held at the higher seed or a neutral site.
  4. Two umpires for Championship Game to be paid by the two teams involved.
  5. Tie breakers for playoff positions as follows:
    - winning percentage
    - total runs from head-to-head competition
    - coin toss
11. Smoking, chewing tobacco, and drinking alcohol is strictly forbidden. This includes players, spectators, and umpires.
12. Players cannot wear jewelry, and may wear sunglasses only when needed.
13. Each team will receive an official roster of players.

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1. If a team has to call up a player, that player has to be 12 years of age.
  2. This player cannot be part of the battery (pitcher or catcher).
  3. If 12 yr. old is part of the roster (not call up) player may catch or pitch.
14. Each team must bat (10) players with an option of one (1) extra batter (11<sup>th</sup> batter), if both teams have at least 11 players each available. If one team only has nine (9) players, opponent must bat (10) ten players if has 10 or more available. All players must be in batting line up.
  15. Catcher speed up rule: with 2 outs in an inning, the catcher can have a pinch runner. The player who made the last out will be the replacement runner.
  16. No additions to the rosters can be made after the third game of the season. Any medical exceptions or otherwise must be presented to the Major League Commission for approval prior to the player playing in the game.
  17. A player must play in 2/3 of the regular season games in order to be eligible for the league playoffs. The only exception would be if a medical condition was evident, and a doctor's approval for play would be needed. (i.e. a broken leg)
  18. Mercy Rule - At the end of the bottom of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning, if the game score differential is 10 runs or greater, the game ends. If at the end of the bottom of the 6<sup>th</sup> inning, the game score differential is 10 runs or greater, the game ends.
  19. In the event of a double header, both games will be 5 inning games. Pitchers are limited to three (3) consecutive innings per game.
  20. ALL PLAYER BAT. FARM CALLUPS SHOULD BE USED.
  21. All regular season rules apply in Playoffs.