

## Season - Majors Division Rules

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| Base Distance   | 60 feet                            |
| Pitching Distance                                     | 46 feet                            |
| Innings   | 6                                  |
| Max Players on Field                                  | 9                                  |
| Max Players in infield                                | 4                                  |
| Walks per Inning                                      | No Limit                           |
| Intentional walk                                      | No                                 |
| Balks called  | No                                 |
| Steals per inning                                     | 4                                  |
| Leading   | Yes - Once pitch crosses the plate |
| Stealing home   | No                                 |
| Delayed stealing                                      | No                                 |
| Double stealing                                       | Yes                                |
| Advance on catcher's overthrow                        | No                                 |
| Infield fly   | Yes                                |
| Bunting   | Yes                                |
| Advance dropped 3rd strike                            | No                                 |
| Sacrifice fly   | Yes                                |
| Manager in field                                      | No                                 |
| Max inning per pitcher per game                       | 2 **                               |
| Max inning per pitcher per week                       | 6                                  |
| Hit batters per inning - pitcher removed              | 2 in a row (3 in inning)           |
| Hit batters per game - pitcher removed                | 3                                  |
| Hit batter awarded first base                         | Yes                                |
| Max Runs per inning                                   | 4                                  |
| Max Runs per last inning (Both Teams – Home and Away) | No Limit                           |
| Bat Restriction: max diameter                         | USA Baseball Label ONLY            |

**\*\*Exception to pitching rules:**

Games being played on back-to-back days (Ex - Friday & Saturday) - individual pitchers may throw up to 4 innings. The pitch count rules and the pitchers rest rules still apply. See below for more information.

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1. One pitch = one inning pitched. A pitcher must pitch consecutive innings in a game. Once a pitcher is removed he is not allowed to pitch for the remainder of that game. Pitch counts must be recorded and limits be imposed on pitchers. No pitcher should throw more than 75 pitches in a game. However, a pitcher may exceed 75 pitches only to finish pitching to a batter. For example, pitcher has 70 pitches, the count goes to 3-2, the pitcher may finish pitching to the batter, even though they exceed 75. Once the total pitch count has been calculated, a pitcher must take defined amount of days off from pitcher as follows:

0 to 40 Pitches = 1 Days Rest  
41 to 60 Pitches = 2 Days Rest  
60 to 75 Pitches = 3 Days Rest

2. Pitcher must be removed from game if 3 batters are hit by pitch in a game or 2 batters in a row. A hit batter is a hit batter whether the ball bounces or not. This would still be an indication that the pitcher lost control of the pitch.
3. Infielders should be positioned at least 40 feet from home plate.
4. If a home run is hit, all runs will count regardless of inning. This exception only applies if it is an actual home run and does not apply if the batter reaches home as a result of error(s) in the field.
5. The ball should be ruled dead when the pitcher has possession of the ball on or about the mound and is not attempting to make a play.
6. Leading is only allowed once the ball crosses home plate. If a player leaves early, he will be warned and allowed to go back to the base he was running from. A second warning will result in an automatic out. No delayed stealing (when catcher is throwing the ball back to the pitcher).
7. Batters have the option, to wear helmets with or without protective cages/faceshields. Players and parents should be made aware of the risks. All helmets must be NOCSAE approved.
8. No inning can start once you have reached the 1 hour and 50 minute mark in the game. You must finish the last inning that was started. If the inning is started and not able to be completed, the game reverts back to the score of the previous completed inning. Extra innings are allowed as it will be subject to the time limit. If the game ends in a tie and there is still time before the 2-hours is reached, we will allow extra innings and follow the time limit rules as stated.
9. The minimum players to start a game is 7. With that 2 players from opposing team are to help out with fielding in LF and RF till other players show. It is hard enough getting these games in without having to reschedule them because of not enough players.
10. No steals allowed by a team that has a 10-run lead. If lead drops below 10 runs stealing allowed again until the 10-run lead is regained.
11. Mercy Rule – 15 run lead after 4 completed innings (3 ½ innings for home team lead)
12. A Pitcher is allowed to catch only BEFORE pitching in the game. No pitcher is allowed to play catcher after they pitch – for the safety of the players. No Exceptions.
13. Any player who throws the bat while batting, whether intentional or not, will result in a team warning. The second team instance will result in an automatic out. The third team instance, the player is ejected. This is not specific to a player, it is per TEAM.
14. TEAMS MUST LINE UP TO SHOW SPORTSMANSHIP AFTER EVERY GAME!