

Jr High Baseball Rules

Farmington/Centerville/Legacy

This league will play according to High School unless specified below. Coaches will be responsible to know the High School baseball rules and the rules.

All line ups (with names and numbers) **must** to be turned in to the official scorekeeper 10 minutes before game time.

Games will be 7 innings: No new inning will start after 1 hour 45 minutes (1 hour 35 min at Nicholls Field). If home team is trailing going into an inning after the 1 hr 35 min mark, they will be allowed to finish their inning (ie: score enough runs to take the lead or 3 outs). If the game is tied at the end of 7 innings or after the home team finishes the time limited inning, one additional inning shall be played to determine the winner. If at the end of this additional inning, if the game is tied, the game will end in a tie. There will be no grace period for the start of the game. If a team has less than 7 players at the game starting time, the game is a forfeit. If a team has 7 players an out will be assessed every time the 8th and 9th batter is supposed to bat.

Every player will bat and there is free substitution in the field. Players must play at least every other inning.

Metal cleats are allowed. Pitchers at Centerville fields must wear non-metal cleats when pitching due to portable mounds.

SLIDE RULE: There is no mandatory slide rule. A runner who intentionally makes malicious contact with a fielder on a tag play without sliding will be called out and ejected from the game.

10-run rule: if a team is leading an opponent by at least 10 runs after four full innings, or 3.5 innings if home team is winning, the game shall be terminated and the team in the lead shall be declared the winner.

Pitchers may pitch seven innings per day and a total of ten innings per week. The week starts on Monday and ends on Sunday. One pitch constitutes an inning. Any pitcher pitching four or more innings in a day must rest forty hours before pitching again with start time as game time of first game pitched. Coaches must record who pitches in the scorebook.

Pick up rule: when a team cannot field 8 or 9 players, a player may be picked up under the following rules. Failure to follow these rules will result in a forfeiture of the game:

- A team may only pick up a player from the league below.
- The player must be from and registered in their own city's league.
- A team may pick up as many as 3 players, but only enough to field a full team of 9 players.
- Pick up players must bat at the end of the batting order and play in the outfield.
- Pick up players should come in their own team uniform.
- If a player shows up then the pickup player must sit out (this should be done at the end of the full inning).
- Opposing team coach, game officials and the scorekeeper must be notified that a pickup player is being used.
- Pickup players may not be used to replace a player that has been ejected from the game.

Single elimination league tournament will follow league play. League rules will be in effect during league tournament.

