

Tupelo Parks and Recreation Department

11-12 League Rules 2008

Game Times & Innings Played

- A. A flip of a coin between the two managers will determine the home team.
- B. Game time is forfeit time. A game is forfeited when a team is unable to place eight players on the field. (Umpires will call for 1 hour if a game is forfeited)
- C. A team can start with 8 players; the 9th batting position in the batting line-up will count as an out. If the 9th player for a team that starts 8 players shows up after the game begins, the coach may enter the player.
- D. **(During School/April-May)** There will be a 1 hour & 15 minute time limit or 5 innings.
(No new inning will start after 1 hour & 05 minutes.)
- E. **(After School/June)** There will be a 1 hour & 30 minute time limit or 5 innings.
(No new inning will start after 1 hour & 20 minutes.)
- F. A game may be terminated once becoming regulation if one team is ahead by 10 or more runs after 3 ½ or 4 innings.
- G. Games which are stopped before becoming official (played at least 4 complete or 3 ½ if home team is ahead) because of rain, darkness, or other causes will be replayed. Ie. Start the game over.
- H. If a game is tied after regulation of innings or time limit **during school** the game will remain tie. If a game is tied after regulation of innings or time limit **after school** one extra inning will be played. If the game is tied after one extra inning, the game will end in a tie.
- I. The home team will be responsible for keeping score and the number of innings a pitcher has pitched.

Playing Field

- A. Field: 70' Baselines and 49' pitching distance.
- B. There will be leading off in the 11-12 division.
- C. No metal spikes will be allowed in the 11-12 leagues.

Substitutions and Line-Ups

- A. ALL PLAYERS WILL BE IN THE LINE-UP. EXAMPLE: If there are 12 players at the game, then you list all 12 players on your batting line-up card. That means that the player in the # 12 batting slot will bat before the player in the #1 slot bats again.
- B. The Ten (10) Batter Rule is in effect. If three (3) outs have not been recorded then the tenth batter will be the final batter of that inning. **(The runner(s) will score or be called out)**
- C. A defensive substitute must be made by the 3rd inning. A substitute must enter the game and play 2 consecutive innings. You are allowed free substitutions on defense only. Since the batting line-up will not change, you may substitute any position as long as substitutions are made by the top of the 3rd inning and they play 2 consecutive innings.
- D. Any pitcher playing in the same ball game may return to the mound one time.
- E. The bat shall be a regulation baseball bat (not softball) (unaltered) made of either wood or an approved alloy.
- F. On passed balls, if the catcher does not throw to make a play on the runner after retrieving a pass ball, the ball shall be considered dead and no further advancement by the runner shall occur. The runner shall have advanced only that one base. If the catcher throws then the runner can advance at his own risk.
- G. A drop third strike runner must be thrown out.

PITCHING RULES

- A. A pitcher may pitch 10 innings per week. The week runs from Monday to Sunday.
- B. One pitch thrown in an inning constitutes as an inning pitched. If any pitcher pitches 3 full innings and then throws one pitch to another batter in the same game, the pitcher will not be eligible to pitch the next game.

- C. If a pitcher exceeds the required innings in a week, the team will forfeit the game that the pitcher exceeded the inning limits. The coach may also be ejected from the game and he will be suspended from the next schedule game.
- D. Pitchers are limited to 10 innings in any one-week. If the game is tied and goes into extra innings, a new pitcher must enter the game if he exceeds the pitching limit.
- E. If a pitcher pitches no more than 3 full innings in any game, he may be used in as many consecutive games as desired provided he does not exceed 10 innings per week.
- F. A pitcher can only pitch a maximum of 7 innings in one game.
- G. **NO CURVEBALLS !!!!!** A pitcher and the coach will be warned the first time he throws a curveball; any time after warning the pitcher and coach, the pitcher will be ejected from the game and also the coach, with both serving one game suspensions.
- H. A pitcher may throw a **CHANGE-UP, not a CURVEBALL.**
- I. Pitchers are not required to take signs, but if they do, they must be on the pitcher's plate to receive the sign from the catcher or the coach.

Trips to the Mound – Any manager who calls time and goes to the playing field more than once in one inning, per pitcher to talk to a player or players, will be required to remove the current pitcher. He may return to the mound after the side has been retired, if eligible. (**Any pitcher playing in the same ball game may return to the mound one time**).

- J. If a warm-up pitcher throws to a coach or catcher, he is charged for an inning pitched.
- K. Playing rules not specifically covered by league rules shall follow Dizzy Dean rules than the Major League Baseball Rules.

BALKS

- A. In 11-12 division, pitchers will be allowed some leniency in regard to balks. Pitchers will be called for all major violations and warned for minor violations that do not affect the outcome of a play.

EJECTIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

- A. Any player or coach who is ejected from a game or facility will receive an automatic one game suspension.
- B. Any spectator who is ejected from a game must leave the facility.
- C. Any player or coach ejected from a game must sit out the remainder of that game and the next schedule game. Failure to do so will result in the immediate forfeit of the game. (If the next schedule game is canceled, the coach must sit out the next game being played.)

PROTESE

- A. All protest concerning rule violation will be settled on the field of play by the Head umpire on the field. The umpire will rule on the call at the time and the protest is over.
- B. No protest will be allowed on any judgment calls.

The Tupelo Parks and Recreation Department and the Tupelo Youth Baseball Association prohibits the use of all tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco inside the fence area.