



10th-12th Grade Rules

Article I. Players, Field and Equipment

Section 1.01 Bases: 90 feet Pitcher: 60 feet 6 inches

Section 1.02 Players may not turn 19 years of age prior to January 1 of the season they are playing.

- (a) For example, if a player wants to play in the 2017 season he may not turn 19 years of age prior to January 1, 2017.

Section 1.03 Metal spikes are **NOT** allowed. (*New Rule 2017*)

Article II. Starting and Ending a Game

Section 2.01 Concerning playing conditions of fields, once the teams and coaches are present at the field, the umpires use their best judgment when calling games due to playing conditions of the field.

Section 2.02 Games will be 7 innings in length.

Section 2.03 The 10-run rule applies after 5 innings, or 4 ½ innings if the home team is winning.

Section 2.04 The time limit for games is 1 hour 45 minutes. If the previous inning ends prior to 1 hour 40 minutes, then a new inning must be started. If a new inning is started prior to the 1 hour 40 minute mark, then that inning will be allowed to continue to completion unless the home team is already winning, and would win without the completion of the bottom half of that inning.

Article III. Playing Terms

Section 3.01 A pitcher may pitch **3 innings in every game**; there are no days rest required. One pitch shall constitute an inning.

- (a) **Note**: While the league has an inning rule, it is the responsibility of the coaches to monitor the number of pitches any pitcher throws in an inning or a game. **All coaches are required to error on the side of caution when determining whether or not any pitcher should throw another pitch or inning.**

Section 3.02 A player may only make **one** appearance as a pitcher in the same game. Once a pitcher is removed from the game he may not re-enter as a pitcher.



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- Section 3.03 A pitcher who hits 3 batters in a game must be removed as pitcher for the remainder of that game.
- Section 3.04 Illinois High School Association (IHSA) rules and regulations cover all situations.
- Section 3.05 Mandatory courtesy runner for the catcher with 2 outs. The player that made the last out is used as the courtesy runner. This applies to the player who will play catcher in your next defensive inning. This is so the catcher can have his equipment on and be ready to take the field. If for any reason your catcher is not ready to warm up the pitcher between innings, have one of your coaches or another player (wearing a catcher's mask) warm up the pitcher.

Article IV. Coaching - Bench and Field Conduct, Score Reporting

- Section 4.01 Only adult coaches are allowed to be in the coach's box when their team is batting.
- (a) Players will be allowed to be the 1st base coach, they **MUST** wear a batting helmet.
- Section 4.02 Coaches must remain in the dugout when their team is in the field.
- Section 4.03 Win-loss records and standings are kept for this league. The coach of the winning team must report the game results to their respective Division Chairman within **48 hours** of the completed game, games that are not reported within 48 hours of the game date will be recorded as a loss for both teams. **Note:** coaches should confirm an accurate score with each other at the conclusion of the game.
- Section 4.04 The following will be used to break any ties in the regular season standings:
- (a) Regular season head to head competition between the involved teams.
 - (b) Runs against in head to head competition.
 - (c) Runs scored head to head.
 - (d) Runs against versus all opponents.
 - (e) Runs scored versus all opponents.
 - (f) Coin flip.



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Article V. 10th – 12th Grade Post-Season Tournament Rules

Section 5.01 The Division Chairman will determine tournament seeds by using the final regular season records. The post-season tournaments will be played with the same rules used during the regular season except for the following:

- (a) The home team for each game will be determined by the team that has the better seed from their regular season record.
- (b) No time limit in the championship game.
- (c) Pitchers can pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game, every game. One pitch in an inning counts as a whole inning. There are no days rest required.
- (d) Tournament game balls will be supplied by the league.