

## Rules for Minor Baseball:

*Philippians 1:27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ*

1. Games are 6 innings or a time limit of 1 hour, and 20 minutes in length. If the time limit is invoked, the game is official regardless of complete innings played, as long as both teams have had an equal number of at-bats. If, after the time limit has expired, the game is tied, it shall be recorded as such. Time limit begins at the conclusion of the opening prayer. There will be a 10-minute grace period for the first game of the day only.
2. Run Limit:       5 runs per inning through the 5<sup>th</sup> inning  
                          10 runs in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning and in any extra innings (tie-breaker)
3. A player may pitch a total of 6 innings per week. Delivery of a single pitch during an inning constitutes having pitched an inning. EXCEPTION: If the pitcher who started the game has pitched 6 innings and there is a tie, the starting pitcher may continue to pitch the extra inning. Pitching week starts at 12:01 am on Monday morning and ends Sunday night at 12:00 Midnight.
4. Each team may have a total of 4 coaches in the field/dugout.
5. The offensive manager can have 2 time-outs per inning. The defensive manager can request 2 time-outs in the same inning without replacing the pitcher; however, after the 3<sup>rd</sup> time-out in the same inning s/he must change the pitcher.
6. INFIELD FLY RULE will be in effect.
7. Any player warming up the pitcher must wear a facemask with a throat protector.
8. A player is out, when he does not attempt to slide or get by a fielder/catcher who is making a play on the ball or who has the ball and is waiting to make a tag. Hurdling a fielder/catcher is illegal.
9. Ejection of a player from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct will result in a one game suspension.
10. STEALING- The runner must remain in contact with their base until the ball has reached the plate. No balks will be called. A batter may not run on a dropped third strike. The penalty for leaving early is a dead ball and the runner is out. If a pitcher has control of the ball and has both feet on any part of the pitching mound, then runners must immediately return to the base they occupy or attempt advance to the next base. Once they begin to return to the base they currently hold, they cannot change directions as long as the pitcher has control of the ball and both feet touching the mound.
11. The home team will provide the official book/score keeper.
12. No more than a total of 3 games/practices per week.
13. Bunting and intentional walks are allowed.
14. # of Defensive players = 9
15. Mercy Rule:       If a team is ahead by 11 runs after 5 complete innings, the game will be called.
16. All players will bat.
17. If a player is forced to leave the game for any reason, the team will not be penalized when that player's spot comes around in the batting order, unless that team now only has 8 players in the lineup, then an out will be recorded in the missing players spot (the one who left last).