



2021

Total Baseball's Fall Baseball Leagues General Rules (13U, JV, and Varsity)

1. All games have a **1 hour 45 minute time limit, this is NOT A HARD STOP (No New Inning)**. The umpire's time is official and his decision is final. Time will start after the coaches meeting.
2. A 10 run mercy rule is in effect after the fifth inning for all games. **8 run limit per inning**.
3. Any team that is unable to attend a scheduled game will be assessed a forfeit. Game time is forfeit time. (Ten minutes grace time will be allowed for the first week of the season). A team must have nine players, at game time, to begin otherwise it will be ruled a forfeit. In accordance with both coaches, a sanctioned scrimmage may occur.
4. MHSAA with Total Baseball's modifications will be used. Teams must list 9 or more players in the batting order. This line-up cannot be altered after the game begins. Anyone not listed in the original batting line up will be deemed a substitute and may enter the line up only in one designated slot. Teams may list all of their players in the batting order to ensure that all players hit. Listing all players to hit must be done prior to the start of the game. If an injury occurs to the team using all its members to hit, the team **will not** be penalized by recording an out in that injured player's spot in the batting order.
5. RE-ENTRY RULES: Free defensive substitutions will be allowed at all positions except the pitcher's position. Starters may re-enter the game after a substitution one time only, and they must re-enter the game in their original spot in the batting order. In the event that an injury occurs and a team has no eligible substitutes; a player who has used their eligibility may re-enter the game. If a team is without eligible substitutes and a player is ejected, the ejected player's spot in the batting order will incur an automatic out each time that player is supposed to bat.
6. Teams may use a player, not disqualified from the ballgame, to run for the **catcher with 2 outs only**. The designated runner should be the last batted out (if batting the entire line-up) or a player not currently in the batting line up or defensive player.
7. Teams are scheduled for 10 games. Every effort will be made to replay games cancelled to insure a 10 game schedule. Make up games can be played any day of the week and every effort will be made to give adequate notice to coaches.
8. Once a pitcher is removed from the mound during a game, he/she may not return to the mound during that game.
9. In case of inclement weather, coaches will be notified when and if a game has been canceled as soon as possible. COACHES can also call our office at (248) 668-0166 or emergency contacts to check game status. Please limit calls to COACHES ONLY. It is the coach's responsibility to notify his/her players of a rainout. In the event of rain, a game may be shortened to five (5) or four and a half (1/2) innings if the home team is ahead.
10. All teams/players must have completed waivers and have their fee paid in full before they will be allowed to play in a game. Coaches will be notified if they have a player in violation of this rule as far in advance as possible. **No one is allowed to add players to the roster after Sept. 21st, 2021 without the approval of Total Baseball first, new players must have a waiver filled out and on file with Total Baseball.** Use of an illegal player will result in a forfeit.

11. Any player, coach or spectator that uses foul language while at the ballpark may be removed from the park immediately. This is the only warning. Total Baseball reserves the right to forfeit any game in the event someone is asked to leave the park and refuses to. The win will be awarded to the team that the individual was not a member of regardless if he/she is a spectator. In all cases of ejection for all players and coaches, a MANDATORY ONE (1) GAME SUSPENSION SHALL BE ENFORCED AT THE NEXT PLAYED GAME.
12. NO ONE is permitted to throw equipment- helmets, bats, balls, etc. Anyone caught doing this may be removed from the fields.
13. The Major League pine tar rule will be in effect. 18" from the handle.
14. All base-runners must avoid malicious contact.
15. There will be no protests. The decision of the umpire will be final.
16. All teams are required to use protective helmets. Batters, runners and on-deck hitters must have helmets on at all times. METAL CLEATS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THE BACKYARD DIAMONDS.
17. Catchers are required to wear-full equipment: mask, chest protector, shin guards, protective helmet and an athletic cup.
20. Players age divisions are determined by the age of the player on April 30th of the current year. Players are encouraged to play at the age that they will play in upcoming season opposed to the current summer season. No collegiate students/players are allowed in the league.
21. Bat Rules:

Sunday High School Division	Wood or Wood composite bats
Saturday High School Division	Wood or Aluminum- BBCOR (-3 drop) bats
Monday/Tuesday 13U Division	USSSA 1.15 (-8 or -5 only) BBCOR or Wood bats

22. NO SEEDS, NO METAL CLEATS, NO GUM ALLOWED ON BACKYARD DIAMONDS. PENALTY IS EJECTION.

High School Divisions- 7 Inning Games

The pitching mound shall be 60 ft 6 inches, bases shall be 90 ft.

No third to first moves. MLB pitching rules & visits apply. No Balk warnings.

JV Division- 7 Inning Games

The pitching mound shall be 60 ft, bases shall be 90 ft.

No third to first moves. MLB pitching rules & visits apply. No Balk warnings.

13U Division- 7 Inning Games

The pitching mound shall be 54 ft, bases shall be 80 ft.

No third to first moves-pickoff. No Balk warnings..

**** Total Baseball reserves the right to make any decision it feels is in the best interest of the league. ****