

Minor Rules

Minor Rules will go by NFHS Rules with the following exceptions / additions,

1. The game time limits will be one and one-half (1 1/2) hours or six (6) innings. The clock will start with 1:30 on the scoreboard. The head umpire for that game shall be the official timekeeper. A new inning begins when the third out is made in the previous inning. No new innings will start within 5 minutes of the game time limit. This is a regular season play rule only. Regular season games CAN end in a TIE score. IF A TEAM CAN NOT WIN AND THE CLOCK IN UNDER 5 MINUTES THEN THE GAME IS OVER.
2. All players will play at least six (6) outs on defense unless the game is shortened by the run rule.
3. An official game shall be six (6) innings, or five and one-half (5 1/2), if the home team is leading.
4. No drop 3rd strike.
5. The infield fly rule IS in effect.
6. Run limit per inning is a MAX of 7. Games will be considered a full game when the innings (6) have been reached.
7. RUN RULE WILL BE
12 after 3 – up by 19 or more top of the 3rd, game will be called
10 after 4
8 after 5

8. 2 ¾ Bats will be approved with the BPF 1.15 or USA Baseball stamp.

9. Bases will be set at 65ft & the mound will be set at 46ft (from the pitching rubber to the back of home plate.)

10. There is no leading off, a player may steal when the ball crosses the plate. If the coach feels that the player did leave early, then he's to call time and approach the umpire in the field. There will be no headfirst sliding allowed while advancing to a base.

Pitch Rules,

AGE	DAILY MAX (PITCHES IN GAME)	REQUIRED REST (PITCHES)					
		0 Days	1 Days	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days	5 Days
7-8	50	1-20	21-35	36-50	N/A	N/A	N/A
9-10	75	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
11-12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
13-14	95	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
15-16	95	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+	N/A
17-18	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81+	N/A
19-22	120	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81-105	106+

10. All teams are required to keep score in the Game Changer app. This is extremely important with tracking pitch count. Please choose someone that is going to stay engaged with the game and is comfortable with using the app. IF a coach is keeping the Game Changer on the field, he MUST let the umpire know. That will be

the only phone allowed on the field during game play. Any other coach seen with a phone will be asked to leave the field of play IMMEDIATELY.

11. Official pitch count will be determined by what the **HOME** team has. We encourage BOTH team's score keepers to review pitch counts at each half inning to limit disagreements as the game progresses.

12. Teams may start a game with 8 players. When the 9th batter comes up in the lineup it will be recorded as an out, if the player isn't present. IT WILL BE AN OUT EVERY TIME THROUGH THE LINEUP UNTIL THEY SHOW UP.

13. **EXTRA INNINGS**, if the game is tied there will be 1 extra inning played. This inning will be a max of 7 runs. We will play **TEXAS TIE BREAKER RULES**. The **LAST 3** hitters from the previous inning load the bases, with the last hitter on first base, the hitter before that on second base, and the hitter before that on third base. The hitting team will start the inning with 1 out. **THIS WILL ONLY APPLY IF THERE IS TIME LEFT ON THE CLOCK. IF TIME HAS EXPIRED (00:00) THEN THE GAME ENDS IN A TIE.**

There will be 1 visit per inning, the 2nd visit in the same inning the pitcher must be pulled. On the 3rd visit to the same pitcher, the pitcher must be pulled. **EXAMPLE:** 1st inning visit. 2nd inning visit. 3rd inning he's to be pulled.

EACH pitcher must face 3 batters before getting visited or pulled. Violation of this rule will result in the coach being confined

to the dugout. The second rule violation will result in a suspension. IF a pitcher hits 3 batters he MUST be replaced.

There will be no deviation from these rules without the expressed consent of the GBAA Baseball Board