

Shelbyville/Shelby County Parks & Recreation

Minor/Major League Rules

Spring 2010

Minor/Major League shall play by the Rules of Baseball according to Cal Ripken Baseball, with the exception of the following league.
Imposed ground rules

Game Time Limits

- Games shall be played one (1) hour and 20 minutes on school nights, and one (1) hour and 50 minutes on non-school nights.
- A school night is defined as any night PRIOR to school being held the following morning (usually Monday-Thursday).
- The plate umpire shall notify both coaches and scorekeeper of the official start time and the scorekeeper will record it.
- **Games on school nights-** no new inning will begin after teams have played for one (1) hour and 20 minutes.
- **Games on non-school nights-** no new inning will begin after teams have played for one (1) hour and 50 minutes.
- *****The beginning of a new inning is defined as the moment the 3rd out is made in the preceding inning. *****
- Tournament Games- all games will be played to their completion, regardless of time limits.

Courtesy Runners

- After two (2) outs, a team may allow a courtesy runner for the player scheduled to catch the next inning.
- The courtesy runner must not be in that innings batting order, but can be a player that has already played or has yet to play. If the player has yet to play, serving as a courtesy runner doesn't count as an inning played in the field or an at-bat.

Maximum Run Per Inning & Mercy Rules

- No team can score more than ten (10) runs per inning. Once a team has scored ten (10) runs, their at-bat is over, regardless of the number of outs they have posted.
- Games will have a ten (10) run mercy rule after four (4) complete innings.

Players Playing Time

- All players should play at least six (6) outs and one (1) at-bat. It is encouraged to play all players equally throughout the season to enhance all players' abilities.

- There will be no penalty for coach's failure to play all of their players, but coaches may not be asked to return as a coach if he fails to treat all players the same.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct and Use of Profanity

- Players, as well as coaches, will be given one (1) warning for throwing bats, helmets, etc. A second infraction by the same coach or player will result in an automatic ejection for the game only.
- All fans are encouraged to cheer for his or her respective team in a positive manner.
- Profanity or negative language from coaches or spectators will not be tolerated. A warning will be issued to anyone violating this rule. A second occurrence, the party involved will be removed from the park.

Coaches and Assistant Coaches

- All coaches must be certified through Babe Ruth League, Inc. Training can be completed on their website at www.baberuthleague.org. Certification must be completed before the first league game.
- Assistant Coaches are encouraged to get their certification, but it is not mandatory at this time.
- Background checks must be completed on all coaching staff members.

Pitching Limits

- Pitching limits will be regulated by Cal Ripken Baseball for regular season games and tournament games.
- No pitcher shall pitch no more than six (6) innings per week. A calendar week shall begin on Monday and end on Sunday.
- During the league tournament, the tournament rules for pitching shall follow that guidelines set by Cal Ripken Baseball. See Sec, 11.05(4) for tournament pitching limits.
- Once a pitcher has been relieved from the mound during a game, he may not return to the mound during that game regardless of the number of eligible innings he may still have available. This rule is to protect the player's arm.

Use of EH or DH

- No team shall be allowed to use a EH or DH in their batting line up.