

# Total Baseball's Fall Baseball Leagues General Rules- 2011

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No infield practice will be allowed at any parks.

1. All games have a 1 hour 55 minute time limit. No new inning may begin after the designated time has expired. The umpire's time is official and his decision is final. Time will start after the coaches meeting. **All games will end at the time limit, if the home team is leading and batting in their bottom half of the inning, even if the inning is not completed.**
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 starting **August 20, 2011** (Ten minutes grace time will be allowed for the first week of the season). A team must have eight players, at game time to begin otherwise it will be ruled a forfeit. In accordance with both coaches, a sanctioned scrimmage may occur. **ALL UMPIRES MUST STAY TO COMPLETE THE GAMES.**
4. Major League Baseball rules with Total Baseball's modifications will be used.
5. Teams may, prior to the game, list 9 or more players in the batting order. This is optional and 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.
6. **RE-ENTRY RULES:** Free defensive substitutions will be allowed at all positions except the pitcher's position. Starter 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.  
Teams may list all of their players in the batting order to ensure that all players hit. All of the above rules still pertain. 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.
7. Teams may use a player, not disqualified from the ballgame, to run for the catcher 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.
8. 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. Any game cancelled that directly affects first place will be rescheduled.
9. Once a pitcher is removed from the mound during a game, he/she may not return to the mound during that game.
10. 9/10 yr. old Division pitchers will be limited to one pitcher no more than 3 innings per game. If this rule is violated the team with the violation will forfeit the game.
11. 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 rainout hotline at 248.668.0166 or emergency contacts to check game status. Please limit calls to COACHES ONLY. It is the coaches' 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.
12. All teams/players must have completed registration forms, waivers and insurance on file 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. 11, 2011 without the approval of Total Baseball first. Use of an illegal player will result in a forfeit.**
13. 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.

14. NO ONE is permitted to throw equipment- helmets, bats, balls, etc. Anyone caught doing this may be removed from the park.
15. The Major League pine tar rule will be in effect. 18” from the handle.
16. All baserunners must avoid malicious contact.
17. There will be no protests. The decision of the umpire will be final.
18. 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 for all leagues 12 and under.
19. Catchers are required to wear-full equipment: mask, chest protector, shin guards, protective helmet and an athletic cup.
20. 9/10 yrs. division may not steal or advance home, on anything other than a batted ball, walk, hits batsman or balk. Lead offs and stealing second and third base is allowed.
21. 9/10 yrs. division: Dropped third strike is considered an out.
22. 9/10 yrs. division: Team may allow a tenth player in the outfield, if desired.
23. Bat Rules:      Sunday High School Division: Wood or Wood composite bats  
                          Saturday High School Division: Wood or Aluminum BB Core (-3 drop) bats  
                          9 – 14 yrs. divisions: Wood or Aluminum/Composite bats

**9-10 Year Old Division- 6 Inning Games**

1. The pitching mound shall be 46 feet
2. The bases shall be 65 feet
3. There will be one warning per pitcher on the balk rule and pitching violations

**11-12 Year Old Division- 6 Inning Games**

1. The pitching mound shall be 50 feet 6 inches
2. The bases shall be 70 feet
3. There will be one warning per pitcher on the balk rule and pitching violations

**13-14 Year Old Division- 7 Inning Games**

1. The pitching mound shall be 54 feet
2. The bases shall be 80 feet
3. There will be one warning per pitcher on the balk rule and pitching violations

**High School Divisions- 7 Inning Games**

1. The pitching mound shall be 60 feet 6 inches
2. The bases shall 90 feet

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