

FALL WOODEN BAT LEAGUE REGULATIONS

Teams will be formed with the following criteria.

- a. By combined age groups- If there are not enough teams to make a playable division then
 - i. 9's will play 10's
 - ii. 11's will play 12's
 - iii. 13's will play 14's
- b. By separate age groups
- c. By Major and Minor Divisions if possible

2. A team will play in that age group which matches the age of their oldest player. Age is determined by the age that shall be attained between May 1 of the current year and April 30th of the succeeding year.

3. The number of players on each team shall be no more than fifteen (15) players for ages nine (9) through fourteen (14). Each team shall provide a roster of players to the league. No team may add a player to their roster without having permission from the league president.

4. Games will be scheduled by the AJBC Executive Board.

5. Games will be played on those fields that can be obtained by the AJBC Executive Board.

6. The AJBC Executive Board will provide and schedule 1 umpire for all games with exception of the tournament championship games; which will have 2 umpires.

7. Each league, area or team will pay their league fees for their team(s) before they will be allowed to play their first game.

8. When more than one game is to be played on a field, only the first game must be freshly lined.

9. One (1) umpire will be scheduled for all league games. Two (2) Umpires will be scheduled for all tournament games.

10. When a game is scheduled and no umpire shows the game will be played.

11. When a game is scheduled and no umpires show, each team will select a parent to umpire and these parents will be paid the fee normally paid to the umpires.

12. There are no protests in Fall Ball. Fall Ball is a recreational league, emphasizing continued development of baseball skills and fun.

13. No games will be rescheduled because of bad weather or a team not wishing to play. If games are canceled due to bad weather then both teams will be have recorded a 0 - 0 tie for a score. Any team not able to play **for any reason** will be charged with a forfeit loss.

14. Players do not need to wear a complete uniform, but must wear a jersey or shirt with identifying numerals attached to no less than the back of the jersey. Uniforms do not have to match; as Fall Baseball has several teams that play with combined teams. We would prefer a complete uniform to include baseball style pants, the same baseball cap for all players and the same socks and/or stirrups.

15. Shoes with steel spikes are prohibited in the nine (9) thru twelve (11) age groups.

16. All players shall be required to wear full, double eared protective helmets when at bat and when running bases.

17. All catchers are required to wear athletic cups and throat protectors. Catchers in the nine (9) thru twelve (12) age groups are required to wear catcher helmets with double-eared protection.

18. Teams will use wooden bats only. Bats must not be chipped, cracked, repainted or altered in any way from the way they were manufactured except for the handle which may be covered or treated with a material or foreign substance to improve the grip for not more than 18 " from its end. Bats that have been labeled as a SOFTBALL BAT may not be used in any game.

19. A record of all games played will be kept by the Association.

20. For every game played the home team scorekeeper will be known as the official scorekeeper for that game, but, both teams will be responsible for keeping a record of the game for the duration of the season. In the event of a question concerning the results of the game or player eligibility, both teams must be able to produce a legible copy of the score sheets.

21. Each team will be responsible for reporting the score of every game they are scheduled to play.

22. Scores will be reported to the area scorekeeper within seven (7) days of the completion of a game. Failure to report a score within the designated time allowed would result in the recording of a 0 to 0 loss for both teams who were scheduled to play. All scores shall be turned in to Susan Brown at susan@premierseamlessgutters.com. Any game not reported within seven (7) days will be recorded as a 0-0 tie.

23. There will be a Single elimination tournament for each age group.. All teams from each division will play for a Fall League championship. In case of a tie between teams in the standings, then a tiebreaker format will be used as follows.

1. Best win/loss record - if still tied
2. Winner in head to head competition - if still tied
3. Total runs scored minus Total runs allowed, highest number wins - if still tied
4. Total runs allowed in play - if still tied
5. Total runs scored - if still tied
6. Coin toss.

RULES OF PLAY
(Modified June 2006)

SPECIAL RULES FOR FALL SEASON - Except where noted, the Rules of Play for Fall Baseball will be the "Official Baseball Rules" as published by Sporting News.

Section 1.00 -- Objectives of the Game

1.01 to 1.03 No change

1.04 The Playing Field.

1. Base Distances

9 and 10 year olds -- 65'
11 and 12 year olds -- 70'
13 and 14 year olds -- 80'
15 and older -- 90'

2. Pitching distance

9 and 10 year olds -- 46'
11 and 12 year olds -- 50' 6"
13 and 14 year olds -- 54'
15 and older -- 60' 6"

1.05 to 1.17 No change

2.00 - Definition of terms

No changes

3.00 - Game preliminaries

3.01 Each team shall supply baseballs to the umpire-in-chief for each game as follows:

9 thru 12 year olds -- 1 baseball each team
13 and up -- 2 baseballs each team

3.02 No change

3.03 All players will play a minimum of two (2) innings, if possible, in each game.

3.04 Courtesy runners will be allowed for injured players, pitchers and catchers. The runner will be the player that made the last out.

3.05 No change

3.06 to 3.09 No change

3.10 Field conditions - see regulations Section V. Paragraph E.

3.11 & 3.12 No change

3.13 Ground rules

3.14 to 3.18 No change

4.00 - Starting and Ending the Game

4.01 Ground rules and batting order selection

4.01 All teams will bat through their lineup

4.02 to 4.05 No change

4.06 (a) No manager, player, substitute, coach, trainer or batboy shall at any time, whether from the bench, the coach's box or on the playing field, or elsewhere -

- (5) Use language that is considered to be foul, vulgar or offensive in accordance with the concepts of this being a youth, and family oriented, league.

PENALTY: The offender shall be removed from the game and shall leave the playing field, and, if a balk is made, it shall be nullified, and, if the removal involves a player which would penalize the team to where there are less than nine (9) players left to play the game, then the team shall be allowed to continue to play without risk of forfeiture as stated in rule 4.17, except that whenever it is the ejected player's turn to bat a 'strike out' shall be recorded in the scorebook for their at bat.

Any manager, coach, assistant coach or player, who is ejected for violation of rule 4.06 (a) (5) in the first game of a scheduled double header, may return to participate in the second game. All other persons are prohibited from participating on the playing field.

4.07 to 4.09 No change

4.10 [a] Time limits for all ages is One hour and forty-five minutes. . # *

#Note - Start time of a game shall be established by the home plate umpire and shall be recorded by both teams. Both teams will verify time remaining with the home plate umpire before the start of each new inning when less than thirty (30) minutes remains of game time.

*Note -No new inning will be started if less than five (5) minutes remain of regulation time and the score is not tied. Any inning started will be completed to the end or until the home team goes ahead.

[b] Regulation games shall be as follows:

All ages and Divisions

- 1.Six (6) innings or
- 2.Any game called for time limit, weather, dark-ness or curfew that has completed at least one (1) inning and no new inning has been started, or
3. Any game called for weather, dark-ness or curfew that has completed three (3) or more innings and the home team is batting and they are ahead by one (1) or more runs or
- 4.If after three and one half (3 ½) innings the home team is ahead by eight (8) or more runs or
- 5.If after four (4) or more complete innings either team is ahead by eight (8) or more runs.
- 6.Any game called for weather, darkness or curfew in which at least one (1) inning has been played and a new inning has been started and the visiting team has completed their at bat and the home team has not been allowed to bat or is batting and has not gone ahead of the visiting

team by one (1) or more runs, then the score shall be that of the last completed inning.

4.11 & 4.14 No change

4.15 If a team is unable to field nine (9) players, but can field eight (8) players then the game may continue but the spot for the ninth player shall be counted as an out each time the ninth player would have batted, or, the other team may loan a player to their opponent and the game will be played and counted as a regular game.

4.16 to 4.18 No change

4.19 Protested game – There are no protests in Fall Baseball

5.00 Putting the Ball in Play. Live Ball

5.1 to 5.06 No change

5.7 - When three (3) offensive players are legally put out, or, when eight (8) runs are scored by the offensive team in their at bat, or, the offensive team has batted through their line up, that team takes the field and the opposing team becomes the offensive team. **Both teams shall bat the same number of batters when batting through their line up (e.g. If one team has ten (10) players and the other team has twelve (12), then the team with ten (10) shall bat twelve (12) to equal the line up of the other team)**

6.00 - The Batter

6.01 to 6.06 No change

6.07 Batting out of turn

6.08 No change

6.09 [b] Dropped third strike is applied as follows:

9/10 year olds- Batter is out

11 and up -- Official rules apply.

7.00 - The Runner

This is a special rule for 9 and 10 Year old teams only.

a. No runner may advance from third base to home on a wild pitch or passed ball.

7.01 to 7.07 No change

7.08 Any runner is out when -

(There are no changes to paragraphs a to k)

(l) (l) In attempting to advance to second, third or home base the runner must slide into the base if any fielder has possession of the ball at the base in which the runner is advancing to. It will be the judgment of the umpire as to whether the runner was attempting to slide.

Note: If, in the umpire's judgment, the runner deliberately ran into the fielder who has possession of the ball then the runner will be called out and will be ejected from the game

for unsportsmanlike conduct, otherwise the runner will only be called out for not sliding into the base.

NOTE: The catcher, without the ball in his possession, has no right to block the pathway of the runner attempting to score, nor does any fielder, without the ball in their possession, have the right to block the pathway of the runner attempting to advance to second or third base. The baseline belongs to the runner and the catcher or any other fielder should be there only if they are fielding a ball or already have the ball in their possession. It shall be the umpire's judgment if the fielder was trying to field the ball or obstruct the runner from advancing. In the event there is a collision between the fielder and the runner it shall be the umpire's judgment to call obstruction or interference and as to whether it was intentional by the runner.

7.09 to 7.12 No change

8.00 - The Pitcher (Catcher)

No pitcher may pitch more than two (2) innings in any game. (No catcher may catch for more than three (3) innings in any game)

8.01 to 8.04 No change

8.05 Balk rule is applied as follows:

- 9 thru 12 year olds -- 2 warnings per game
- 13 and up -- No warnings

8.06 Visits to the mound- No Change

9.00 - The Umpire

Sections 9.01 to 9.04 No change

9.05

- (a) The umpire shall report to their league President within forty-eight (48) hours after the end of a game, or, to the President of AJBC within seventy-two (72) hours after the end of a game all violations of rules and incidents worthy of comment, including the disqualification of any trainer, manager, coach, assistant coach, player or spectator, and the reasons thereof.
- (b) When any trainer, manager, coach, assistant coach or player is disqualified for a flagrant offense such as the use of obscene or indecent language, or an assault upon an umpire, trainer, manager, coach, assistant coach or player, the umpire shall forward full particulars to their league President, or, the President of AJBC, within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of the game.
- (c) After receiving the umpire's report that a trainer, manager, coach, assistant coach or player has been disqualified, the league President shall notify the President of AJBC of the report.
- (d) Upon receiving a report of an ejection or disqualification of a trainer, manager, coach, assistant coach, player or spectator, the President of AJBC shall verify the report and impose such penalty as outlined if he deems it to be justified. If a league represents the ejected or disqualified person or area then the president of the league or area shall be notified of the penalty imposed and they shall notify the person being penalized. If the person ejected or disqualified is from an independent team then the AJBC president shall notify the person being penalized and the manager or coach of the team if the person is other than the manager or coach of the team. Failure to comply with the penalty shall result in the forfeiture of all games played in which the penalized person took part.
- (e) Any manager, coach, assistant coach, trainer or player who
 - (6) Is ejected for the inadvertent use of obscene or indecent language shall
 - (vii) on the first offense not be further penalized.

- (viii) on the second and any further offenses be subject to suspension of play or participation in further games.
- (9) Is ejected for arguing with an umpire about any judgment call after having been warned shall
 - (x) on the first offense not be further penalized.
 - (xi) on the second and any further offenses of the same nature be subject to suspension of play or participation in further games.
- (12) By their action causes a game to be forfeited shall be suspended from play or participation for at least one game as directed by the president of AJBC.
- (13) Makes intentional contact with an umpire, but causes no physical harm, shall be suspended from play or participation for one game as directed by the president of AJBC.
- (14) By their action causes an umpire to feel intimidated or threatened may be subject to suspension of play or participation for one (1) or more games.
- (15) Has had three (3) or more reports turned into the Association of unsportsmanlike action and or behavior by the umpires or other teams may be subject to removal as a manager, coach, assistant coach or player in the Association.
- (16) Causes or threatens to cause physical harm to any umpire, manager, coach, assistant coach or player shall be prohibited from playing or participating an any further games sanctioned by AJBC and associated sanctioned tournaments