

B-League/Minor League

Rules 2016

Pre-Game Rules

B League will be played in accordance with Little League rules with the exception of the DT, OC, UT league specific rules listed below.

1. Warm ups to start 40 minutes prior to game time.
Home team: 1st 20 minutes in cage / 20 minutes infield - outfield.
Away team: 1st 20 minutes infield- outfield / 20 minutes cage.
2. Each team must bat their entire order. Any player arriving after start of game is placed at the bottom of the order.
3. Games can be played with a minimum of 8 players.
4. Catcher's must wear a cup (no exceptions)
5. Home team supplies baseballs.
6. Pitching machine to be set up and adjusted prior to the game.

Game Rules

1. Game length - Each game will consist of 6 innings with one extra inning in the case of a tie. A new inning cannot be started two or more hours after the start of the game, or after 9:00 pm.
2. Pitching - Each game will start with 3 innings using the pitching machine and the final innings with pitchers. The pitching machine shall be used for an extra inning. The same shall apply during the playoffs and championship..
3. Pitching machine area - The player assigned to the pitcher position will be located even and to either side of the mound. The pitcher will receive the ball from the catcher and the other position players as though he was pitching himself. Any ball that hits the machine is considered a dead ball. The hitter is awarded 1st base and all runners advance 1 base.
4. Pitching machine use - pitching machine is operated by a coach of the team on the field. The ball is given to the coach by the pitcher after the pitcher has received the ball from the catcher, a fielder or the umpire. An out is declared with either 3 swinging strikes, or 5 pitches, whichever comes first.
Exception: A batter cannot strike out on a foul ball
Exception: If a pitch is "un-hittable" and did not swing, the umpire declares a no pitch.
Stealing is permitted while machine is in use.
5. Live pitching: When a pitcher is on the mound regular rules apply (4 balls is a walk, 3 strikes an out)
Stealing is permitted while pitcher is on the mound.
Pitchers are limited to 1 inning per game and 3 per week. Playoffs and championship: 1 inning per game and 3 per week. Balks are not enforced. However a balk may be addressed as an illegal pitch. If an illegal pitch is declared, the pitch will be deemed a ball.
6. Batting order: All teams will have a continuous batting order which consists off all players present whether they played in the field or not.
7. Bunting is permitted. Dropped third strikes are not enforced.
8. Base stealing: A player may attempt to steal 1 base per at bat. The runner may not leave the base until the ball has crossed the plate. Stealing of home is never permitted.
9. Fielding: The defensive team is allowed 10 fielders. A fourth outfielder is permitted, however this player cannot be used as an infielder. All outfielders must remain on the outfield grass.
Each player must play at least 2 innings in the field.
The infield fly rule is not enforced.
10. Overthrows: If a ball is overthrown on a steal plays. The baserunner(s) may not advance further. If a ball is overthrown on a batted ball paly, the base runner(s) may advance, including from 3rd base to home.
11. Scoring: Five run rule: A team may score no more than 5 runs per inning. In the event a batted ball is put into play that would result in more than five runs scoring that inning, only five runs shall count.
Exception - If a team is losing by 5 runs or more in the last inning they may score enough runs to tie the score but not more. If they are the away team the home team gets their final at bat. If they are the home team the game would continue for one extra inning.
Ten run rule: If a team has a lead of ten or more runs after four complete innings the game is official. Coaches are encouraged to play the remaining two innings as a scrimmage allowing both teams to gain more

at bats, pitching, and fielding opportunities.

12. Following the game - All trash will be removed from the dugouts by the teams using them. Both coach's will email scores and short recap of the game to Upper Baseball. Upper representative will report scores and a short recap of the game to local newspapers.

Other Rules

1. B-League/Minor League is open to players ages 7 through 10. An 11 year old may be considered only in special circumstances, such as a safety issue if the child were to play in A-League/Major League.
2. A maximum of three coaches shall be permitted in the dugout during games.