

BASEBALL BY-LAWS

1. Official Rules of Baseball Canada will be used.
2.
 - a) Teams may dress up to 18 players per game.
 - b) Nine (9) players must be present to start the game. If the roster drops to 8 during the game (due to injury or ejection), the game will continue with an automatic out for the empty position in the order. If fewer than 8 for any reason, the game is forfeited.
3. Players must be dressed for at least three league games to be eligible for playoffs.

COMPETITION:

1.
 - a) Games are 7 innings in length. However, we must be off the fields by 5:30 p.m. so no inning can be started after 5:15. Games terminated early due to this constraint must end at the end of an inning. At least four innings must be completed in order to be an official game.
 - b) Regular season games will start at 3:15 sharp. A game not underway by 3:30 will be forfeited. Please use **COMMON SENSE**. The letter of the law is clear, however the spirit of the law indicates that we should attempt to play the game if it starts within a reasonable time.
 - c) All playoff semi-final and final games **WILL** be 7 innings in length.
2. A regular season game will be terminated after 5 innings if one team is 10 or more runs ahead.
3.
 - a) A starting player may re-enter the game once and only in his original place in the batting order. A starting pitcher may re-enter but may not pitch.
 - b) All line-up changes must go through the umpire.
 - c) A player whose eligibility has been used can be re-entered if there are no eligible players remaining on the bench and an injury causes the roster to drop to 8 players. This courtesy is not extended for an ejection.
4. An ejection from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct results in an automatic suspension from the team's next scheduled league or playoff game. An ejection for fighting results in an automatic suspension from the team's next two scheduled dates. An additional suspension could be imposed by the commissioner and the Coordinator of Athletics if, after further investigation, they deem it necessary. Schools may impose additional sanctions if they wish.
5. Pitchers shall be limited to four (4) innings of pitching per game. One pitch will constitute an inning. Pitching must be in consecutive innings and to consecutive batters.

6. If there is any close play at second, third or home plate a runner will be called out if he does not avoid the collision by sliding or evading the tag.
7. **HURRY UP RULE:** If the umpire calls for a courtesy runner to cover a temporary situation, it must be the last player registered out.
8. Home coaches to set up field before the game. This includes measuring the base paths and strapping down the bases.
9. Ground rules shall be discussed between the coaches and umpire before the game starts.

TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Each team will supply two (2) game balls for each game. Umpire has final decision on the balls to be used.
2. Teams will provide their own bats, helmets, catching equipment*, bases* and score cards. (*some teams may not have this equipment and therefore must share with opponents).
3. Teams to provide small cones to be used as line markers if lines are faded.
4. Each team to keep score of game.
5. Teams should measure off the bases with a tape measure.
6. Student base coaches must wear helmets.
7. An official scorer shall be provided by the home team.