

North Miami Valley Baseball League

E-MINOR LEAGUE RULES 2011

Unless specified below, High School Baseball rules apply.

ELIGIBILITY: No player may turn fourteen (14) before June 1st of the current year.

1. Games will start at 6:00pm, unless otherwise scheduled, with the home team being able to take the field at 5:30pm. There will be a 15 minute grace period if a team has a problem getting to the field. 8:00pm games will start promptly after the previous game has ended. The time limit on all games is (2) hours and 15 minutes, unless there is a follow-on game in which case it would be 2 hours. **No new innings will be started after the time limit has expired.**
2. There will be one division. Trophies for League and Tournament (1st and 2nd places) will be supplied by the League. A single elimination tournament will be held at end of the season. Tournament brackets will be set up at the start of the season.
3. The home team Manager will notify the visiting team by 5:00pm if the game is rained out. Scheduled games that cannot be played because of weather will be rescheduled for the next available day.
4. Two (2) baseballs and two (2) umpires will be furnished by the home team. All balls must have the **NFHS Stamp**, and must have raised seam (NO FLAT SEAMS). A bat shall not weight, numerically, more than 5 ounces less than the length of the bat (e.g., a 35-inch-long bat cannot be less than 30 ounces.) Bat must be 36 inches or less and the diameter at the thickest part must be 2-5/8 inches or less. No altered, composite, fiber metal wrapped bats allowed. Wooden bats must have the handle taped. A minimum of 10 inches, but no more than 18 inches from the handle end of the bat. **Bats do not need to have the BERS certification mark to be used in this League.**
5. Seven (7) innings will constitute a complete game, unless the game is tied. A game is also complete if five (5) innings have been played, and a team is ahead by ten (10) or more runs. An umpire may call any game because of darkness or weather after consulting a facility representative
6. A pitcher may not pitch more than 95 pitches in a calender day. If the limit is reached while facing a batter, the pitcher may complete pitching to that batter. Home team is the Official scorebook keeper and must keep correct records. **During the end of the season tournament, there will be no pitching restrictions (No returning to the mound after being removed is still in effect.)** See attached pitch count rules for more in-depth review of the pitch count rules.
7. Team rosters signed by the League Representative will be exchanged at the initial meeting of teams. Information regarding disciplinary action or roster changes will be explained and exchanged between Managers before the start of the game. Season will begin on May 5th. A Official team roster must be turned into the League SeA pitcher may not pitch more than 95 pitches in a calender day. If the limit is reached while facing a batter, the pitcher may complete pitching to that batter. Home team is the Official scorebook keeper and must keep correct records.cretary by June 11th.
8. A game start and may be played with a minimum of eight (8) players. The ninth (9th) spot in the batting order, when using only eight (8) players, is an automatic out. Players from lower leagues may be used to make nine (9) players only, but may never take playing time from a roster player. A "brought-up" player cannot pitch or catch. There is no limit of "brought up" per game.

9. No designated batter will be used.

10. PROTESTS: In the event of a call that a Manager feels is in conflict with High School Baseball Rules, which cannot be resolved with a minimum of discussion, he should declare that the game is being played under protest to the umpire, and continue the game. This is to avoid arguments on the field and long delays. The conditions at the time of the protest should be noted on both scorebooks, and checked by the umpire. JUDGMENT RULINGS CANNOT BE PROTESTED. Protests must be received in writing by the League Representative within twenty four (24) hours, along with \$50.00. This money will be refunded if the ruling is in favor of the protesting team. If the protest is not upheld, the money will go toward the League expenses. Decisions on all protests will depend on a majority vote of the Commissioners. Each city will supply one (1) Commissioner, and at least three (3) Commissioners must be present for a ruling.

11. Baiting, profanity and unsportsmanlike conduct of any kind will not be tolerated at any time. The umpire may forfeit the game to the non-offending team. This is an umpire's judgment call. However, he should warn players and Managers first. Also a facility representative must also be notified of the warning issued.

12. Crashing into a defensive player who is holding or waiting on the ball to make a tag is not permitted. Rule 8-4-2-F states that the runner is out when he does not slide or attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag, or if he maliciously runs into a fielder. Rule 3-3-1-G also states that the player will be ejected from the game for maliciously charging a fielder. (SEE: making a legal slide, below.)

THE TWO ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF SLIDING ARE:

- 1.) FOOT FIRST SLIDE WITH ONE LEG EXTENDED AND BUTTOCKS DOWN; and
- 2.) HEAD FIRST SLIDE WITH ARMS EXTENDED.

ROLL BLOCKS, FOOTBALL BLOCKS, SLASHING OF LEGS, ETC. ARE ILLEGAL. AN ILLEGAL SLIDE IS NOT PENALIZED UNLESS CONTACT IS MADE, OR INTERFERENCE IS CALLED. WHEN CONTACT IS MADE, AND IT IS MALICIOUS OR FLAGRANT, THE RUNNER SHALL BE EJECTED FROM THE GAME."

13. The pitching distance will be fifty-five (55) feet, and the baseline eighty-three (83) feet.

14. If a team has fifteen (15) or less players, it is mandatory that all players play at least two (2) innings. If a team has more than fifteen (15) players, it is mandatory that at least fifteen (15) play two innings of a seven (7) inning game. Starters may re-enter the game one (1) time. (Penalty - forfeiture of the game.) All players will be in a continuous batting roster.

15. Game Speedup Rule is effect. The pitcher and catcher may be substituted by another player while on base with two (2) outs. A benched player not in the present batting order must be used first. If no players are on the bench, then the last players which made last out, will become the substituted base runner