**Minors Tournament Rules 2024**

Seeding for the tournament will based on the regular season record. It is understood that some teams played more than others, which skews the records and winning percentage but all teams were scheduled the same amount of games in the same timeframe. This is the first year this has been such a broad discrepancy. The league will put in rules for next Spring to avoid this. For now, we cant penalize teams who had less opportunity (or more). If there is a tie on the records, RUNS SCORED FOR will be the tie breaker. If RF is tied, RUNS AGAINST will be the tie breaker.

1. All games will be restricted to 6 innings.
2. If after 1:30 the game is tied, both teams will have 1 more at bat (1 extra inning) by rule.
   1. The home team will always have last at bat if losing by 6 or less runs at the 1:30 mark. If daylight, field availability and coaches allow, the game can continue until the tie is broken with the home team having the last at bat and not exceeding 9 innings
3. 6 run per inning limit
4. 13 after 4 innings, 7 after 5 innings the game can be called
5. Entire roster will bat during a game (3 outs per inning still enforced)
6. 10 players on defense with 4 outfielders in and arch, 15’ behind the infield line
7. All players MUST play at minimum 2 innings per game unless disciplinary action has been taken by a parent or coach. If this situation occurs, the parent and coach must discuss before the game starts. The coach must also let the opposing coach know why the child is out and if he will re-enter the game.
8. Fake bunts (slug bunting) is prohibited. 1st offense will be an automatic strike, 2nd offense the batter is out.
9. Players are permitted to steal after the ball has crossed the plate.
10. Runner must maintain contact with the base until the ball crosses the plate.
11. If a player bats out of order, that player is out (can return for next bat in correct order).
12. Play will STOP once the ball is in possession of the pitcher on the mound and the umpire has called time. If the pitcher makes a “baseball” play on a runner, runners may advance.
13. If up 10 runs at any point, players are not permitted to steal home.
14. **Each Pitcher is allowed 2 innings per game. No max for the tournament.**

* **1 pitch is considered an inning**
* **Must be consecutive innings. Cannot renter later**

1. If the pitcher hits 3 batters in the same inning, pitcher must be removed and cannot return. Each pitcher is allowed a total of 4 hit batters per game before removal.

      16.. 4 innings are a complete game.

17. If game is called before 4 innings are complete, the game can be restarted where the game stopped

18. A coach is allowed 1 visit to the mound per inning without making a change. On the 2nd visit, a pitching change must be made. Visits to the mound during warm up for a new pitcher are NOT considered a visit.

19.Throwing the bat (within reason and up to the discretion of the umpire) will be a warning on the 1st offense and an out on the 2 offense

20. There is **no** unlimited 6th. All games will have a time limit except for Championship games. Run rule is in affect for ALL games.