



House League Baseball Division Specific Rules

16+ Divisions

Distance between bases	90 ft.
Distance to pitching rubber	60.5 ft.
Length of game	Seven (7) innings
Mercy rule per inning	Innings 1-5: seven (7) runs
	Innings 6-7: open
Minimum # of players required to play any game	6
Allowable bats	Wooden, wood-composite

- 1. Any serious violation of the Code of Conduct will result in an in-person hearing. Please refer to the <u>Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance policy</u> in the General House League rules.
- 2. Every division will have a double-elimination playoff.
- 3. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE ANY RULE CHANGES ALLOWED. COACHES MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY MODIFICATIONS BEFORE OR DURING A GAME AT ANY TIME.
- 4. Catchers cannot be substituted unless for reason of injury.
- 5. The balk rule will be called and enforced from the start of the season. The Umpire will issue one warning per game and explain the ruling or infraction of the balk to the pitcher and coach(es).
- 6. No player may sit on the bench twice until every player has sat on the bench once.
- 7. A pitcher may pitch a maximum of three consecutive innings. With the exclusion of Senior Division, all pitchers must sit out the number of consecutive innings needed to bring balance to the number of innings played by all teammates.
- 8. A pitcher must be substituted after hitting any 3 batters during the game.
- 9. A pitcher will be ejected from the game after intentionally throwing at a batter.
- 10. The defensive team will consist of one catcher, one pitcher, one 1B, one 2B, one 3B, one SS, and up to three OF: nine players in total.
- 11. In Senior Divisions only, all roster players will bat.
- 12. See General House League Rules as all General Rules also apply.
- NEW RULE 24-hour rule: players/parents/coaches and spectators are instructed to wait 24 hours before contacting a Convener or executive member for any grievance that does not involve the safety of any party. After 24 hours, it should be brought to the attention of the appropriate person. Under the contacts section of our website, a form is available to ask a question, make a comment, or file a grievance.

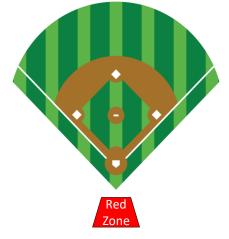




2. **NEW RULE** No person(s) other than the players, coaches (one head coach and two assistant coaches or parents filling in for these coaches) or officials are ever allowed on the playing field and in the dugout except for injury. An automatic one (1) game suspension will be levied against the offending individual (parent, spectator, etc.). Upon review of the incident from the disciplinary committee, a harsher penalty may be issued.

For 5-Pitch, Rally Cap and 8U, 9U, one additional person may be permitted to assist in the dugout only. For Tee Ball, additional parent volunteers are permitted on the field.

- 3. **NEW RULE** In addition to a parent or spectator receiving a suspension or other disciplinary action, the player they represent, and their coach, may also face disciplinary measures.
- 4. **NEW RULE** There will be **ZERO TOLERANCE** for any: unsportsmanlike behaviour, misconduct of any kind, unruliness of any sort, use of foul or profane language, attack of any kind (either verbal or physical) towards any Umpire, coach, player, or spectator.
- 5. **NEW RULE** RED ZONE RULE: no spectator, parent, player, or coach is permitted to view a game directly behind the backstop at any diamond. This will help eliminate any conflicts with Umpires and will also help the players field of view. An Umpire will provide a warning and then has the discretion to eject any person(s) from the park after that.



- 6. **NEW RULE** For all divisions, if a game is called for weather it is considered official if at least 2.5 innings have been played.
- 7. **NEW RULE** Coaches are REQUIRED to place players in different slots in the batting order from game to game so that players receive similar numbers of at bats throughout the course of the season.