

# 2024 Baseball Interleague Rules

Kingsford - Iron Mountain - Norway - Iron County  
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## All Division Rules

- Our area games involve 4 different Leagues. It is important to follow these Interleague Rules. If a question does arise, consult the Little League Rule Book except for the modifications set forth in the Interleague Rules.

## Scores

- Both teams are responsible to submit the score of the game, within 24 hours upon completion. If delayed, please contact your local league president or vice president and make them aware.
- Submit the score to [www.upbaseballsoftball.org](http://www.upbaseballsoftball.org).

## Make-Up Games

- Games are recommended to be made up within 10 days of the originally scheduled game.
- The Home Team sets the make-up date, preferably Friday if feasible.
- The Visiting Team confirms the date.
- Field Priorities for make-up games are 11-12 then 9-10 and then 7-8.
- All games are required to be made up by 5 days before the Division playoffs are scheduled to start.

## Umpires, Managers and Coaches

- Maximum of 3 Coaches in the Dugout (other than 7&8)
- Verbally assaulting an Umpire is grounds for being removed as a manager or coach.
- Young Adults will be Umpiring our games and be supportive of their efforts.

## Illegal Bat Rule 6.06

1. The batter is out if the batter enters the batter's box with one or both feet entirely on the ground with an illegal bat (see bat specifications rule 1.10) or is discovered having used an illegal bat prior to the next player entering the batter's box. The ball is dead. Runners must return if they advance on the play.
2. First violation, the offensive team will lose one eligible adult base coach for the duration of the game.
3. Second violation, the manager of the team will be ejected from the game. and the following game. The player using the illegal bat will also be ejected and will miss the following game. Any subsequent violation will result in the newly designated manager being ejected.
4. If the same team is found in violation in multiple games the coach may be removed from coaching for the remaining part of the year.

### **Pitching Limits (Baseball)**

- All Teams must adhere to the maximum pitches per day and rest requirements listed in the Little League Pitching Rules, Section VI – PITCHERS.
- Baseball Pitcher Eligibility Tracking Forms must be used and completed correctly.
  - Before each Baseball game the Home Team Manager and the Opposing Manager must share their Pitcher eligibility data to ensure that each pitcher is legal to pitch in that day's game.
  - At the conclusion of a game, each Manager must verify that the correct pitching data has been recorded and then sign the opposing Team's Form.
  - If a manager does not present his/her form prior to the beginning of the game, that game be considered a PITCHER PROTEST GAME. PITCHER PROTEST GAMES will still be played but will count as a loss for the team that failed to present the Pitcher Eligibility Form. All pitches thrown by a pitcher during a PITCHER PROTEST GAME will count against that pitcher for future games.

### **End of Season Tournament**

- All pitching restrictions apply for the End of Season Tournament since this Tournament is an extension of the regular season.
- At the conclusion of the regular season schedule the Area Presidents will convene a meeting to determine the seating for playoff brackets for each age division.
- Teams will be seated according to their regular season record. Tiebreaker rules apply.
- Brackets will be created with the #1 playing the lowest seat and so forth.
- Location of games will be on a rotating basis; the following locations are for 2024.

Baseball 7-8 – Iron River

Baseball 9-10 – Kingsford

Baseball 11-12 – Iron Mountain

Jr. Baseball – Norway

The Hosting League is responsible for the cost of awards for the winning team. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophies are required.

### **Team Standings Tiebreaker Procedure**

- At the conclusion of the season if 2 or more teams have identical records the following tie-breaker procedure shall be used to determine the higher seeded team:
  1. Head-to-Head record
  2. Runs Allowed
  3. Runs Scored

## Baseball 7-8 Beginner Division Rules

- 4 coaches are allowed in the dugout for this level as 1 coach is pitching and 2 base coaches.
- Bats can be made from wood, aluminum or if laminated it shall bear the USA Baseball logo.
- 6 innings per game. No new inning started after 1 hour and 45 minutes.
- Maximum of 10 players on the field during defense, 10<sup>th</sup> player must be in the outfield grass in an outfield position. Only 6 players will be in the infield.
- No Coach may be on the field during a live ball other than to pitch. No Coaches behind home plate.
- Players will pitch the first 3 innings with the coach's assistance.
  - Player Pitchers can move up to 40 feet to throw the ball.
    - After a Batter receives 4 balls from the player:
      - A coach will then pitch 2 additional strikes to that Batter. (If batter has 0 strikes when coach comes in to pitch then he gets 3 strikes)
      - The pitches may be called a strike, a swinging strike or a foul ball.
      - When the coach is pitching the maximum, the runner can go is 2<sup>nd</sup> base. All runners currently on the base can advance to home plate.
      - A hit ball is live, and all runners may advance.
      - No bunting while the coach is pitching.
      - The coach can throw from 40 feet as well.
- **While the Coach is pitching the player pitcher must remain in the pitching circle and be ready to field the ball, for example, off to the side but not in front.**
- It will be machine pitch for any innings starting in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, including extra innings.
  - The Machine that will be used is ( Louisville Slugger Blue Flame )
  - The Level it will be set at is ( 35 Mph )
  - If there is a mechanical issue with the machine, coach pitch will be implemented.
  - The hitter can advance to any base while the ball is still live off the pitching machine.
  - The player will receive at max 5 balls, after 3 strikes the player is out.
- The play is dead when the pitcher has the ball on or around the mound.
- Teams must Roster Bat.
- Minimum Play Rule, 6 outs in the field.
- 10 is the maximum number of Batters per inning.
- No Dropped Third Strike Rule.
- Hit by a Pitch: If the batter is Hit by a Pitch being thrown by a player, that batter is awarded first base. If the batter is Hit by a Pitch being thrown by a

coach or machine, that batter is not awarded first base and must continue the batting process.

- Maximum of 1 base on an overthrow error. For example, a player running towards first or has already reached first and the ball is overthrown, the base runner is allowed to proceed to second base only. The ball is considered live and the defense is able to attempt to get the runner out at 2<sup>nd</sup>. Once the base runner reaches 2<sup>nd</sup> the ball is considered dead and no more advancing.
- With 2 outs, if the catcher gets on base he or she must be substituted with a courtesy runner. This gives the catcher time to get the gear on and moves the game along.
- League age 9-year-olds playing in the 7-8 division cannot pitch or play on the pitching mound during machine pitch.
- May play with 8 players

## Baseball 9-10 Minor Division Rules

- Bats - non-wood and laminated bats shall bear the USA Baseball logo.
- 6 innings per game. No new innings started after 2 hours.
- Maximum of 9 players on the field during defense.
- Teams may choose to roster bat or line up bat.
- If a team chooses to roster bat, they will have free substitution of players. Minimum Play Rule, 6 outs in the field.
- If a team chooses to line up bat, they must adhere to the Little League minimum play rule and substitution rules. Minimum Play Rule, 6 **consecutive** outs and 1 at Bat.
- No Dropped Third Strike Rule.
- Must have 9 players to start the game, once started can play with less due to an injury.
- League age 11-year-olds playing in the 9-10 division cannot pitch.
- Maximum of 5 runs / inning until the division playoffs.
- Pitching rules
  - **Max pitches of 75 pitches** (if the pitcher started the batter below 75 pitches, they can continue that batter)
  - Rest requirements.
    - 66+ pitches – 4 days rest
    - 51-65 pitches – 3 days rest
    - 36-50 pitches – 2 days rest
    - 21-35 pitches – 1 day rest
    - 1-20 pitches – no days rest
    - Players cannot pitch for 3 consecutive days.
  - Pitcher to Catcher and vice versa
    - Any player who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.
    - A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.
    - A player who played the position of catcher for three (3) innings or less, moved to the pitcher position, and delivered 21 pitches or more in the same day, may not return to the catcher position on that calendar day.

## Baseball 11-12 Major Division Rules

- Bats - non-wood and laminated bats shall bear the USA Baseball logo.
- 6 innings per game. No time limit. If tied after 6 innings must go into extra innings.
- Maximum of 9 players on the field during defense.
- Teams may choose to roster bat or line up bat.
- If a team chooses to roster bat, they will have free substitution of players. Minimum Play Rule, 6 outs.
- If a team chooses to line up bat, they must adhere to the Little League minimum play rule and substitution rules. Minimum Play Rule, 6 **consecutive** outs and 1 at Bat.
- Dropped third strike rule is in effect.
- Pitching rules
  - **Max pitches of 85 pitches** (if the pitcher started the batter below 85 pitches, they can continue that batter)
  - Rest requirements.
    - 66+ pitches – 4 days rest
    - 51-65 pitches – 3 days rest
    - 36-50 pitches – 2 days rest
    - 21-35 pitches – 1 day rest
    - 1-20 pitches – no days rest
    - Players cannot pitch 3 consecutive days.
  - Pitcher to Catcher and vice versa
    - Any player who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.
    - A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.
    - A player who played the position of catcher for three (3) innings or less, moved to the pitcher position, and delivered 21 pitches or more in the same day, may not return to the catcher position on that calendar day.

## Baseball 13-14 Junior Division Rules

- Bats - non-wood and laminated bats shall bear the USA Baseball logo or BBCOR certified Logo.
- 15's are allowed to play if they did not play High School Baseball. 15-year old's **NOT IN HIGH SCHOOL** are permitted to pitch if they are playing in the Junior Division
- Pitching rules
  - **Max pitches of 95 pitches** (if the pitcher started the batter below 85 pitches, they can continue that batter)
  - Rest requirements.
    - 66+ pitches – 4 days rest
    - 51-65 pitches – 3 days rest
    - 36-50 pitches – 2 days rest
    - 21-35 pitches – 1 day rest
    - 1-20 pitches – no days rest
    - Players cannot pitch 3 consecutive days.
  - Pitcher to Catcher and vice versa
    - Any player who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.
    - A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.
    - A player who played the position of catcher for three (3) innings or less, moved to the pitcher position, and delivered 31 pitches or more in the same day, may not return to the catcher position on that calendar day.