

Junior & Senior Rules		
Field Dimensions	Base distance	90'
	Pitching distance	60'6"
	Mound	yes
General Rules	Innings	7
	No new inning after	2 hr 15 min
	Players needed to start	8 (1)
	All players must play 6 outs by the end of inning #:	5 (2)
	Wildcat batting order	Yes (3)
	Max batters per inning	n/a
	Max runs per inning	no
	Defensive Conferences	3 per game
	Defensive Substitutions	Unlimited (4)
	Mercy Rule	15 ahead after 4 10 after 5
	Forfeits allowed	Yes (6)
Equipment	Helmet Cage Req.	no *
	Bat weight	-3 *
	Bat length	n/a *
	Max Barrel Size	2 5/8" *
	BBCOR Bat Req.	-3 *
	Wooden Bats	yes *
	Metal cleats	yes *
Pitching	Max pitches or innings/day whichever occurs first	95 pitches/game OR 4 inn day (8)
	Intentional walks	yes *
	Balks	yes
	Curveballs (wrist snap)	yes
Baserunning Batting Fielding	Infield fly	yes
	Dropped 3rd strike	yes
	Bunting	yes
	Thrown bat	Bench warning then Out
	Courtesy runner required for catcher w/ 2 outs (player who made last out)	yes
	Leading	yes
	Stealing	yes
	Advance after steal	yes
	Stealing home	yes
	Headfirst slides	yes

New Rule for 2017

* - See Division specific Rules

(1) There will be a 15 minute grace period if a team does not have 8 players.

(2) Failure to comply with this rule or encouraging players to be absent or late shall result in a protest of the game.

(3) Late arriving players will be added at the end of the lineup card.

(4) Unlimited defensive substitution shall be allowed providing the playing time rule has been complied with.

(6) A team must have at least eight (8) players when on defense or the game will be declared a forfeit.

(8) Player must be removed when he/she reaches pitch or innings limit - whichever comes first. Refer to 'RBBA Pitch Limits and Required Rest' handout.

Junior & Senior (8th grade and up) specific rules:

• Pitching Rules:

o Pitchers (after one pitch) may play other positions and can return to pitch after being replaced, but only once.

o An intentional base on balls may be given by the defensive team by having its catcher or coach request the umpire to award the batter first base. This may be done before pitching to the batter or on any ball and strike count. The ball shall be declared dead before making the award. NFHS 2-4-3.

• Equipment

o Equipment requirements will follow standards of the National Federation High School Rules