

Midget NL Rules		
Field Dimensions	Base distance	70'
	Pitching distance	50'
	Mound	no
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 #:	4 (2)
	Wildcat batting order	Yes (3)
	Max batters per inning	no
	Max runs per inning	5 runs per inning for innings 1-4 (4)
	Defensive Conferences	3 per game
	Defensive Substitutions	Unlimited (5)
	Mercy Rule	15 ahead after 4 • 10 after 5
Forfeits allowed	Yes (7)	
Equipment	Helmet Cage Req.	no
	Bat weight	n/a
	Bat length	n/a
	Max Barrel Size	2 3/4"
	BBCOR Bat Req.	n/a
	Wooden Bats	no
	Metal cleats	no
Pitching	Max pitches or innings/day whichever occurs first	85 pitches/game OR 3 inn/day 9 inn/wk (8)
	Intentional walks	yes*
	Balks	yes*
	Curveballs (wrist snap)	no (9)
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) More than 5 runs can be scored. Play must come to a stop. Ex. 4 runs have scored w/ bases loaded and batter puts ball in play. Play must come to stop. Batting team could score 4 additional runs for the score to be 8-0.
 - (5) Unlimited defensive substitution shall be allowed providing the playing time rule has been complied with.
 - (7) 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.
 - (9) No pitcher shall deliberately throw a curve ball. If in the Umpire's judgment a curve ball is thrown, a no pitch will be declared and a warning issued to the pitcher and manager. If another curve is thrown the pitcher will be removed from pitching. *Movement on the ball does not constitute a curve ball, the purpose of this rule is to prevent stress on the arm.*

Midget NL (6th & 7th grade) 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 Balks will be called. However, one (1) warning per pitcher will be issued for first 2 weeks of the season.
 - 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.