

# Minors

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NOTE: Official baseball rules as currently in use will be the basic set of rules except where changed in the following paragraphs.

## General Rules:

1. The six (6) run rule is in effect. This rule states that if a team scores six (6) runs during any time at bat before the defensive team registers three (3) outs, the team will stop batting, regardless of the number of outs. This rule will be in effect during the first 2 innings only.  
***Exception: if a team has scored 5 runs and bases are loaded and an over the fence HR occurs, the team may score 9 runs.***
2. All players must play two innings on defense. However, coaches are urged to play each player three (3) innings. Penalty is forfeit of the game.
3. A team can start with no less than (8) players, there will be no forfeit if the coach wants to play the game. However, there will be an automatic out each time the ninth player would have come to bat.
4. No new inning will start after 1 hour and 20 minutes. An inning starts when the last out is made in the bottom of the preceding inning. Once the last inning has begun, it will be played to its completion.
5. Pitching Rules: A pitcher may only pitch 50 pitches/game & 75 pitches/week. Also, a pitcher shall not pitch more than six innings between Monday through the following Sunday night except that in a tie game at the end of six innings or more, a pitcher who has pitched in six consecutive innings in the same game may pitch in a seventh consecutive inning. Under no other condition shall a pitcher pitch in more than six innings in one game.  
***NOTE:*** A pitcher may pitch in two games in the same day provided he does not pitch more than three innings in the first game and does not pitch more than a total of six innings in both games on the same day. (An inning is defined by this League as any time a slotted Pitcher's toe touches the pitching mound rubber and throws a pitch.) During the Interleague tournament, Dixie Youth tournament pitching rules will apply.

It is incumbent upon the Home Coach to ensure that the pitch count and innings are logged in via the website within 24 hours after completion of the game. (Failure to comply or falsifying the numbers, could result in a forfeit by the Coach committing the infraction.)

6. Batting Rules: Each team will bat a continuous lineup. If a player has to be removed from a game due to illness or injury, no penalty shall be assessed & this player will be skipped in the lineup. However, once the player is skipped due to injury or illness, he shall not re-enter the game in any fashion. If a player arrives after the continuous batting order has been completed, the player shall be added to the end of the lineup. If the player arrives after the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning has begun, the player shall not participate in the game.
7. If the game is tied after regulation time or regulation innings, International Rules will be utilized until a winner is declared. See League Local Rules - Baseball for details.
8. A pinch runner for the catcher can be used if there are 2 outs in the inning. The catcher must start as catcher the next ½ inning. The last out must be used.