



I-94 BASEBALL LEAGUE RULES
*** JUNIOR VARSITY (5th & 6th Grade) ***
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TOURNAMENT RULES & CLARIFICATIONS

- 1. Format** - All nine (9) teams will make the tournament. Overall record, point differential, and head-to-head will be used to determine tournament bracket seeding. All teams will be guaranteed three (3) games. Due to the odd number of teams (9), it is possible that some teams may play four (4) games.
- 2. Game Times** - Games will be played at 8:00a, 10:00a, 12:00p, and 2:00p. All games will be played at Albany fields. Complete schedule, bracket and locations will be provided on Wednesday, July 28, 2021.
- 3. Rosters** - Rosters must be identical to the rosters submitted at the beginning of the season. No exceptions.
- 4. Pitching** - A pitcher may pitch a maximum of nine (9) consecutive outs per game. A pitcher cannot re-enter the game as a pitcher at any time, regardless of the number of outs pitched. A pitcher may pitch in only two (2) tournament games.
- 5. Game Length** - All games will be limited to ninety (90) minutes per game. If an inning is started before the 90 minute rule, the inning will be completed and the bottom of the inning will also be completed (if necessary), extending the game beyond 90 minutes.
- 6. Game Balls** - Each team must bring one (1) game ball for each game played.
- 7. Curveballs** - Curveballs are not allowed.
- 8. Bats** - Bat size must not be more than 2 3/4" barrel size.
- 9. Other Rules** - if not noted above, all Regular Season Rules will be followed.

REGULAR SEASON RULES

- 1. The Junior Varsity division will consist of 5th & 6th grade players:**
 - A. No A and B teams. (No stacked teams)
 - B. If a town has multiple teams at one level they should be split evenly.
 - C. Players can be moved up a level/grade based on ability but not be moved down a level/grade.
 - D. A player may only be rostered and play on one (1) I-94 team.
 - E. Players must be from towns' high school attendance area.
- 2. Field dimensions:**
 - A. Pitching rubber to home plate is 52 feet.
 - B. Base paths are 75 feet.
- 3. All Regular season games will be Tuesday's at 6:30p.**

- A. Starting the first Tuesday in June.
- B. Ending the last Tuesday in July.

4. Bad weather/extreme heat:

- A. Both coaches will come to a mutual decision using best judgement.
 - 1. In case of postponement coaches may reschedule, but it is not required.
 - 2. Home team must notify an I-94 League representative of reschedule within 48 hours.
- B. If you can hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you.

5. Game Length:

- A. 6 innings
 - 1. 3-1/2 innings is an official game for bad weather or darkness.
 - 2. 10-run rule after 5 innings. Game may continue after 10-run rule, but game decision is final after 5 innings if 10-run rule applies.

6. Equipment:

- A. Shoes:
 - 1. Molded plastic or rubber spikes
 - 2. Tennis shoes
- B. Bat size must not be more than 2 3/4" barrel size.
- C. Protective Cups - highly recommended for all players.
 - 1. All Pitchers & Catchers must have one.
- D. Uniforms should be of the same color and style.
 - 1. No shorts or sandals.

7. General Rules:

- A. Home Team:
 - 1. Keeps official scorebook during game.
 - 2. Reports score to an I-94 League representative immediately following completion of the game.
 - 3. Has to have field ready to play at game time.
 - 4. Home team will provide 1 or 2 umpires per game. Umpires must be at least in 9th grade.
- B. 6 run limit per inning for every inning including the bottom half of the 6th.
- C. Playing time - all players are to get equal playing time.
- D. Baseballs - Home team must provide two (2) game baseballs.
 - 1. Rawlings or Diamond little league baseballs.
- E. Play at the plate
 - 1. Runner must slide feet first or will be called out.
 - 2. No head first slide into home plate.
- F. Batter may advance to first on a dropped third strike.
- G. No infield fly rule.
- H. Extra Inning Rules - Start with runner on 2nd base.
 - 1. Runner is the last out of the previous inning. Rule applies for regular season and tournament play.
- I. No Bunting. Swinging the bat is the focus of this league both during regular season and tournament play.
- J. Any defensive play made on a baserunner, the runner is allowed to advance on an overthrow. Overthrows to the pitcher are not considered defensive plays.

8. Pitching Restrictions:

- A. 9 consecutive outs maximum per game.
- B. Outs must be consecutive, no reentry at pitcher.
- D. No curve balls allowed.

9. Continuous batting and free substitution except pitchers:

- A. Must bat the entire roster.
 - 1. Injured players can be skipped without it being an out.
- B. Entire roster must play a minimum of two (2) innings in the field.
- C. Minimum number of players to start a game is eight (8).
 - 1. No non roster players allowed. If you can't field eight (8), reschedule.

D. Maximum of ten (10) players in the field.

1. Four (4) outfielders, four (4) infielders, one (1) catcher, and one (1) pitcher.

10. Base running:

A. Player may steal after the pitch leaves the pitchers hand.

B. May lead off base after pitch has left the pitcher's hand.

1. Two warnings per team for leaving early, next time it is an out.

C. Coaches need to police their own players, if only one (1) umpire is present.

D. No stealing home. Runner can advance to home from 3rd if a defensive player puts the ball into play.

D. An overthrow from catcher to pitchers is not putting the ball in play.

11. Umpires:

A. Coaches must review rules with Umpires before the game.

B. Umpires must be minimum of 9th grade.

C. Umpire can be behind the mound or plate.

12. Standings:

A. I-94 will maintain standings throughout the season at i94baseball.com.

B. Home team must report the score immediately following completion of the game.

1. If game is postponed home team must report new game schedule within 48 hours of original game time.

C. Tie Breakers

1. Head to Head

2. Least runs allowed

3. Coin flip

13. Playoff Tournament:

A. All nine (9) teams will make the tournament. Overall record, point differential, and head-to-head will be used to determine tournament bracket seeding. All teams will be guaranteed three (3) games.

14. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and includes but not limited to:

1. Verbal abuse

2. Physical aggression

3. Tantrum-like acts

4. Arguing umpire judgement calls

5. Profanity