

Playoff Info and Rules (Major / Minor)

Majors: we will use a single elimination format.

Minors: we will use a single elimination format.

Seeding: The teams will be seeded based on regular season final standings; there are separate trophies for the regular season and for the playoffs.

Regular Season Standings will determine the seed number: Determined by most number of wins. If a tie, then

- a) head to head record; if still tied then
- b) head to head play run differential; if still tied then,
- c) total run differential; if still tied then,
- d) most games played; if still tied then
- e) coin flip

Rules: we're using regular season rules along with our local rules, as amended below.

Home team: higher seed is home team (#1 seed is highest) in all games.

Game balls: each team provides 1 baseball. If more are needed, home team provides.

Pitching rules: the limit of 6 innings per week is replaced with this limit: no player may pitch more than 6 innings in any 2 consecutive playoff games. The rest days rule remains in effect. Some examples are at bottom. Pitch count guidelines also remain in effect. If you are not absolutely certain you know the pitching rules, ask me or your division coordinator. Violation of the pitching rules may result in penalties by the BoD, including forfeiture.

Substitutes: must follow the regular season rules for playing time. All players must play 3 innings in the field and bat at least one time. All players must play 3 innings in the field (including the EH).

Pool players: no pool players will be used

Time Limits: There are no time limits

5 runs per inning (Minors Only): in effect for innings 1-3; no limit after the 3rd inning.

10 run limit: in effect for the 4th and beyond. Home team must bat unless they are ahead by 10 runs or more.

Tie Games: If a tie game is suspended, it will likely be resumed the following day. An early start time may be needed.

Shortened games (not tied): If a winner can be determined by using the last complete inning (4th or later), we will use that approach. Otherwise, the game will be resumed the following day.

Resumed games: a resumed game picks up where left off with the same lineup, if the pitching rest rule permits.

8 players: we will play with 8 players. You must take an out in the 9th spot for the absent player. The other team must loan a player to the short-handed team for defense. If the 9th player arrives, the automatic out is ended. If both teams have 8 players (8vs8), no automatic out is taken; if a 9th player arrives after the game starts, the shorthanded team will take the automatic out. Less than 8 players is a forfeit, but must be approved by the league President.

Protests: the protest committee is the league President, Umpire in Chief, Minor Coordinator and Major Coordinator. If a protest is lodged, the committee must be called immediately at 224-5789 (Joe Goldsmith). If the decision can be made immediately, the committee will make its ruling. If a decision cannot be reached immediately, the committee will make its decision after the game. The decision of the committee is final.

Sportsmanship: The purpose of the playoffs is to have some competitive play, but not at the expense of fun and good sportsmanship. Since every team except one LOSES, it is vitally important for managers to keep team comments and actions constructive. This may be a difficult balance to achieve, and your team asst coaches (and parents) may be more disappointed / frustrated than your team players. Set a good tone and example for your team. As first impressions are often lasting, equally so are playoff impressions; model the appropriate behavior for winning and losing.

Questions: please ask

Pitching rule examples:

#1 You have games Mon, Wed, Sat. Billy pitches 3 innings on Monday; he cannot pitch Wednesday (rest day) and can pitch up to 6 innings on Sat.

#2 You have games Mon, Wed, Sat. Billy pitches 2 innings on Monday and 2 innings on Wednesday; he can pitch at most 4 innings on Sat.

#3 You have games Mon, Wed, Sat. Billy pitches 1 inning on Monday and 5 innings on Wednesday; he can pitch at most 1 inning on Sat.

#4 You have games Mon, the following Mon, and Tues. Billy pitches 6 innings on Monday#1; he cannot pitch on Monday#2, he can pitch up to 6 innings on Tues

Pitch counts:

For ages 8-10, pitchers should not exceed 75 pitches per game, 125 per week. In no event shall a player exceed 90 pitches in a game.

For ages 11-12, pitchers should not exceed 85 pitches per game, 150 per week.

In no event shall a player exceed 100 pitches in a game.

A week is Monday through the following Sunday.

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