

2011

C.S.A.A. SPECIAL BASEBALL RULES



RULES ARE THE SAME AS THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOLS RULES EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL RULES:

STARTING DATE FOR PRACTICE: No parish sponsored clinics; practices or workouts are allowed before May 1st.

3RD & 4TH GRADE DIVISION:

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** If a boy/girl reaches his 11th birthday before August 1, 2010, or is in the 5th grade or over he is ineligible for the 3rd & 4th grade division.
2. Games are five (5) innings or 1 ½ hours long.
3. Batter may not run on missed third strike by catcher.
4. Runners may not leave base until the ball has passed the plate. Penalty is the runner is out.
5. Base distance is 60', pitching distance is 46'.
6. A team leading by 10 or more runs at the completion of 4 innings shall be declared the winner of the game and the game will be called at that point (3 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead after the visiting team has completed their turn at bat).
7.
 - 1.) An extra player, referred to as "EP" is optional, but if used, it must be made known prior to the start of the game, and be listed on the scoring sheet in the regular batting order. If the "EP" is used, he must be used the entire game
 - 2.) The "EP" must remain in the same position in the batting order for the entire game.
 - 3.) If an "EP" is used, all 10 must bat and any nine can play defense. Defense positions can be changed, but the batting order must remain the same.
 - 4.) The "EP" may be substituted for any time, either by a pinch runner or pinch-hitter, who then becomes the "EP". The substitute must be a player who has not yet been in the game. The starting "EP" can re-enter once.
8. **SUBSTITUTION RULE: OFFENSIVELY- ALL PLAYERS, WHETHER STARTERS OR SUBSTITUTES MAY RE-ENTER ONCE, PROVIDED THAT THE PLAYER OCCUPIES THE SAME BATTING POSITION WHENEVER THAT PLAYER IS IN THE LINE-UP. DEFENSEVLY - FREE SUBSTITUTION.**

5TH & 6TH GRADE DIVISION:

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** If a boy/girl reaches his 13th birthday before August 1, 2010 or is in the 7th grade or over, he is ineligible for the 5th & 6th grade division.
2. Games are seven (7) innings or 1 ½ hours long.
3. A boy/girl playing in the 4th grade division may also play in the 6th grade division. (For same school only)
4. Base distance is 75', pitching distance is 55'.
5. A team leading by 10 or more runs at the completion of 5 innings shall be declared the winner of the game and the game will be called at the point (4 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead after the visiting team has completed their turn at bat).
6. **EXTRA PLAYER (OR EP)** (This will replace the DESIGNATED HITTER RULE)
 - 1.) An extra player, referred to as "EP" is Optional, but if used, it must be made known prior to the start of the game, and be listed on the scoring sheet in the regular batting order. If the "EP" is used, he must be used the entire game
 - 2.) The "EP" must remain in the same position in the batting order for the entire game.
 - 3.) If an "EP" is used, all 10 must bat and any nine can play defense. Defense positions can be changed, but the batting order must remain the same.
 - 4.) The "EP" may be substituted for any time, either by a pinch runner or pinch-hitter, who then becomes the "EP". The substitute must be a player who has not yet been in the game. The starting "EP" can re-enter once.

7TH & 8TH GRADE DIVISION:

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** If a boy/girl reaches his 15th birthday before August 1, 2010, or is in the 9th grade or over, he is ineligible for grade school athletics.
2. Games are seven (7) innings or 1 ½ hours long.
3. Boy/girls playing in the 4th grade division may not play on an 8th grade team. The 6th grade division may also play for the 8th grade division. (For same school only)
4. Base distance is 90'; pitching distance is 60'6".
5. A team leading by 10 or more runs at the completion of 5 innings shall be declared the winner of the game and the game will be called at that point (4 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead after the visiting team has completed their turn at bat).
6. THE DESIGNATED HITTER MAY BE USED. THIS IS AN OPTION FOR THE 8TH GRADE. (Rulebook, Page 25, Art. 3.1.4)
7. The 7TH AND 8TH Grades are not required to have a face mask on their helmets.

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL DIVISIONS:

1. There is a ten (10) minute forfeit time on all games from the scheduled time.
2. First team listed is home team.
3. **Balls** - Both the home team and the visiting team will furnish one new ball and one good used ball.
4. **CONTRACTS AND THE C.S.A.A. TEAM ROSTER MUST BE IN THE C.S.A.A. OFFICE NO LATER THAN JUNE 1ST.** FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF ALL GAMES AND SUSPENSION OF HEAD COACH UNTIL THEY ARE IN THE C.S.A.A. OFFICE.
5. **Players may be added to the roster anytime before the end of scheduled league games.** NO CONTRACTS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED LEAGUE GAMES. Contracts must be in the C.S.A.A. Office before a player may play.
6. **UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT** - Rule 1, Art. 5 will be strictly followed. Uniforms must be numbered. (Rule book, page 10). ** NO METAL CLEATS. Catchers are not allowed to wear skullcaps.
*****BATTING HELMETS ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL BATTERS AND BASE RUNNERS, ALL DIVISIONS.** All helmets must be NOCSAE approved.
BATTING HELMETS for the 3rd and 4th Grade and the 5th and 6th Grade Must HAVE FACE MASK.
7. ** ON DECK BATTERS **MUST** WARM UP IN THE CIRCLE BEHIND THE BATTER.
8. A team may finish the game with one less player than what it started with regardless of the reason.
9. An **intentional base on balls** may be given by the defensive team by having their 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.
10. **SUBSTITUTION RULE:** FOR 8TH AND 6TH GRADE - ALL PLAYERS, WHETHER STARTERS OR SUBSTITUTES MAY RE-ENTER ONCE, PROVIDED THAT THE PLAYER OCCUPIES THE SAME BATTING POSITION WHENEVER THAT PLAYER IS IN THE LINE-UP.
11. **Speed up Rule** - is on Page 66 in the National Federation Rules.
** No pre-game conference necessary.
12. **DISQUALIFICATION:** The disqualification of players or coaches from a game **MUST BE REPORTED** to the C.S.A.A. Office. Coaches or players **MUST** be re-instated by the Baseball Director or the Executive Director or the C.S.A.A. before they may play or coach the next game. **There will be an automatic one game suspension.**
13. **GAME TIME: THE GAME TIME WILL BE A FULL HOUR AND THIRTY MINUTES.**
14. **ENDING A GAME:** If darkness, rain or other causes interfere with play so that the games are called (ended) by the Umpire, it is a regulation game if the following conditions are met:
FOR 8TH & 6TH GRADE If five (5) full innings have been played, or 4 1/2 innings if home team is ahead in the score the game is considered completed.
FOR 4TH GRADE If four (4) full innings have been played, or 3 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead in score the game is considered completed.
15. **SUSPENDED GAME:** If a game is called before completion of the number of innings as stated in rule 13 above, the game is declared a suspended game and shall be continued from point of suspension at a later time. The line-up and batting order of each team shall be exactly the same as the line-up and batting order at the moment of suspension. In case a player already in the game fails to show for the rescheduled game, he is substituted for as if it were a regular substitution and the substituted player assumes the same batting position of the player for whom he is substituted. If the player at bat at the time of suspension fails to show for the rescheduled game, the substitute assumes the count already on the batter.
16. **TOURNAMENT** - All teams will go to the tournament.
17. **** THERE WILL BE A PITCHING RULE.**
8TH GRADE AND 6TH GRADE PITCHING RULE: PENALTY FOR NOT ABIDING BY THE PITCHING RULE IS SUSPENSION OF HEAD COACH AND FORFEITURE OF GAME.
If a pitcher pitches 2 innings or less he/she can pitch the next day.
One pitch in an inning will count as an inning pitched.
3 - 4 innings pitched, one full days rest.
5 - 6 innings pitched, two full days rest.
7 + innings pitched, three full days rest.
9 innings, maximum in one week.
A week is Sunday - Saturday.
4TH GRADE PITCHING RULE:
If a pitcher pitches 1-2 innings he/she must have one full day rest.
One pitch in an inning will count as an inning pitched.
3 + innings pitched, two full days rest
5 or more innings pitched, three full days rest.
7 innings, maximum per week.
A week is Sunday - Saturday.
18. **PROTEST:** There are NO protest in league or tournament games.
19. **HIGH SCHOOL RULES FOR BAT SPECIFICATIONS**
20. **BATS: RULE 1, SEC. 3, ART. 4 WE WILL NOT USE THE WEIGHT RULE FOR BATS.**
21. **RULE 1, SEC. 4, ART. 1 SHOES – NO METAL SPIKES ALLOWED.**
FAILURE BY A PLAYER TO WEAR PROPER EQUIPMENT AFTER BEING SO ORDERED BY THE UMPIRE, SHALL RESULT IN EJECTION.