

GENERAL PLAYING RULES

Knowledge of Rules:

PAL baseball is governed by the rules as compiled by the Official Rules of Major League Baseball, from which publication is authorized by the Commissioner of Baseball, provided said rules are not at variance with any of the rules of PAL baseball. **These rules must be followed and cannot be amended or changed by any coach, manager, umpire, or local league official agreement.**

Important Note: All players, Coaches & and team personnel, **MUST remain FULLY in the dugout and not on the field or in the doorway,**

A. Each manager shall be supplied with a copy of these rules. He/She shall acquaint his/her players, coaches, sponsors, and team followers with the contents of these rules.

B. Any individual violating any of these rules is subject to the penalties, as outlined in the rules of this book.

C. Ignorance of said rule or rules shall not be accepted as an excuse for any violation.

D. Only one (1) manager or designated coach may approach the umpire to question or dispute a call. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

E. The 1st named or numbered team on the league schedule during the regular season shall be the home team. **Note:** Home team supplies game balls (1 new and 1 good used ball)

F. All cancelled and valid protested games will be rescheduled by the local city board.

G. Regarding all teams tied at the close of the regularly scheduled season for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th, position standings will be determined by the following tie-breakers.

1. Head to Head competition.
2. Head to Head against common opponent 2nd in ranking.
3. Head to Head against common opponent 3rd in ranking.
4. Head to Head against common opponent 4th in ranking.

This will determine team placements for post season playoffs. Furthermore, all division classes such as "A" and "B" will be eligible for post season playoffs.

H. In **all divisions**, substitutes will enter when team takes the field prior to the first pitch. Teams will bat the entire roster. No player may sit on the bench for two (2) consecutive innings. **(A violation will constitute a penalty or possible forfeit.)**

I. Regulation games in all divisions shall be 4 and ½ innings if the home team is leading, or 5 innings if the visiting team is leading.

J. If during a regular season game, the losing team is down by 10 or more runs, and has batted five (5) times; the head umpire shall terminate the game in favor of the leading team.

K. **ALL DIVISIONS:** All players and subs must be listed on the game sheet before the game begins. If player has not arrived by the 4th inning, the player cannot enter the game.

L. Teams may start and finish with eight (8) players. If a team cannot field eight (8) players to start or finish, the game will be forfeited in favor of the team with the full roster. **Note:** No out is recorded for the missing player.

M. If a batter **intentionally** throws the bat, he/she will be ejected from the game. This will be determined by the umpire. Ball will be dead, no out applies. Substitute will assume ejected batter's existing count at the plate.

Unintentional throwing of the bat will result in a Team Bench Warning. Next incident will result in the batter being called out. Ball will be dead.

N. If a player is ejected for any reason or injured, and there are no subs, the opposing manager can pick a player to re-enter the game.