

17/UNDER RECREATIONAL MODIFIED LEAGUE RULES

RULE 1 - Players, Field and Equipment

- Catchers must wear a helmet which includes ear protection. The mask must have a separate, attached throat protector.
- All players shall play at least three defensive innings or one hour of each game.
- Players who do not play this minimum in any game must start and play at least three consecutive defensive innings in the next game. All players must complete at least one turn at bat prior to substitution.
- All bats must comply with NFHS rules or be FCBC approved. Bats in this league should be -3

RULE 3 - Substituting - Coaching - Bench & Field Conduct - Charged Conference

- **"A team may start and play a game with 8 players and not be charged with an automatic out for the missing 9th player. A player that leaves the game due to injury or illness will not be allowed to re-enter the game and an automatic out will be recorded whenever that player's spot in the batting order comes up".**
- A team's lineup will consist of all present roster players. Free defensive substitution is allowed and will not affect the batting order
- Pitchers/Catchers that are warming up within the foul area of the ball field MUST have a PROTECTIVE Player between them and the field of play. THIS WILL BE ENFORCED

RULE 4 - Starting and Ending the Game

- Games shall start and end on time. A game shall consist of six innings or 2 hours. The time limit being that a new inning may not begin after 2 hours.
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- No new inning shall start after the time limit. The start of a new inning is the exact time that the 3rd out occurs in the previous inning. (Prevents teams from stalling the next inning). Once time has expired the visiting team finishes their half of the inning per normal rules (6 inning rule in effect). If the home team is behind then they bat until they get 3 outs or win the game. If the game is then tied the clock is set for 15 minutes. The game plays until someone wins or time expires (at which point the current inning plays out until completed). If the game is still tied then it is recorded as such.
- The 10 run rule is in effect. See NFHS Rule Book.
- Games ended by darkness or weather will be official if four innings (3 1/2 if the home team is ahead) are completed.
- Rainouts will only be rescheduled for one game for standings. Managers may reschedule un-placed games at their option, but they will not be recorded for standings.

RULE 6 - Pitching

- Pitchers are limited to pitching 10 innings per week. A week consists of Sunday through Saturday.

