

**2022 CARROLL COUNTY YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS**

A) ORGANIZATION

- 1) This league shall be called Carroll County Youth Baseball Association (CCYBA).
- 2) The object of the league shall be to promote & perpetuate the game of hardball as a recreational activity under the principle: To develop citizenship values for players & spectators.

B) MEMBERSHIP

- 1) The members of this league shall be Chadwick, Forreston, Lanark, Milledgeville, Mt Carroll, Pearl City, Savanna, Shannon, & Thomson. They shall comply with the rules & regulations of this Constitution & shall remain a member until they drop out or:
 - a) shall have been dropped for failure to post money for membership requirements, or fines for not reporting scores;
 - b) shall have been expelled from the league by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.

C) GOVERNMENT

- 1) The league shall be governed by a Board of Directors, 1 from each town, or a proxy of same town, who shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, & Scorecard Secretary. They will serve a term of 1 year with duties specified in this Constitution & By-Laws.
 - a) The President & Secretary will attend all meetings.
 - b) The President shall run & call all meetings, make executive decisions, & help distribute trophies.
 - c) The President is to keep a complete & current roster of all teams, which include each player's name, age, birth date, home address, phone number, & school attended. He can make changes to rosters. He shall make rule decisions, receive phone calls concerning rule questions, seat tournaments, & order & help distribute trophies to tournament sites.
 - d) The Vice-President will assume the role of the president if the president cannot be reached.
 - e) The Secretary shall collect fees, pay bills, take minutes/notes at meetings, make copies of the Constitution & By-Laws for each Director & Officer, & add corrections/amendments to the By-Laws.
 - f) The Scorecard Secretary is to keep current records of each league standing & report weekly to the Carroll County Review, Mirror Democrat, Prairie Advocate, & WCCI.
 - g) Officers shall each have the same rights as Directors to vote, make motions, etc.
 - h) Officers may not have a proxy.

D) QUORUM

- a) A quorum shall consist of 2/3 or 6 of the members of the Board of Directors.

E) MEETINGS

1. Meetings are called by the President, but a quorum is necessary for legality.
2. A special meeting may be requested by any 2 Directors, in writing, to the President & the meeting will be held within 7 days with every Director having been notified 3 days before the meeting, which will include the agenda of the meeting.

F) COMMITTEES

- a) Appointed by the President when he feels they are necessary.

G) CHANGES

- a) This Constitution & By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed by a majority rule vote of the Board of Directors at a scheduled fall meeting or a scheduled meeting called by the League President.

H) PLAYING RULES

- 1) The rules for Pee Wee, Small Fry, & Junior Leagues will be furnished by the Association. All exemptions shall be listed in the Constitution & By-Laws.

NOTE: Clarification with examples of some rules may be found in attachment(s) to this Constitution.
- 2) The rules for the Senior League shall be governed by the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations. All exemptions shall be listed in the Constitution or By-Laws.

I) LEAGUE AGES

- a) Determined by player's age on the **31st of August**
 1. Pee Wee: 7-8 (or completed 1st grade)
 2. Small Fry: 9-10
 3. Junior: 11-12
 4. Senior: 13-14

J) TEAM ROSTER

- 1) A complete roster for each league team, reflecting the name, age, birth date, home address, phone number, & school attended of each player will be furnished to the President, 7 days prior to starting time of the 1st scheduled league game of the year.
- 2) A player cannot play on another league team without submitting a roster change. A roster change must be reported to the President a calendar day prior to starting time of the 1st game he is to play in the CCYBA league.
- 3) When a player is on the roster for any age group, he can be moved up to an older league without calling the League President.
- 4) Once a season starts, towns with 2 teams or more in the same age level may not switch players from team to team.
- 5) **When a town has two or more teams the coaches shall draft the players alternating picks equally by ability and by age. Town directors will check roster for age before submitting to county. Players can be added to the roster after the initial sign-up at the discretion of town director, but no later than May 1st. (2022).** Any additions need to be forwarded to the County League President.
- 6) Any team, who violates the above rules of this section, or which plays a player not on its current roster, will forfeit said ballgame(s).
- 7) Players will be permitted to play on other organized baseball teams during the summer playing season.

K) TROPHIES

- 1) Trophies will be awarded for 1st & 2nd place winners in both league & tournament.
- 2) In the event of a tie in league standings for 1st place, trophies will be awarded to all teams tied for 1st. Head-to-Head match-ups will determine 1st place and 2nd place. In case of a split head-to-head then Diff on the standings will determine 1st and 2nd -the difference between the runs a team has scored and allowed. (2019)
- 3) Trophies will be given out by Officers or Directors.

L) LEAGUE GAMES

- 1) All league games will be played on the home field of the hosting team. Games may be played on another diamond with the consent of both coaches involved, per schedule, with the exemption of rained-out or postponed games
- 2) Any game called before it is completed will be a suspended game unless it has reached four (4) complete innings. When a suspended game is continued it should be started from the point of interruption, line up and batting order will be the same. If there is a player not present that was at suspended and all substitutes have been used the missing player shall be treated as an injured player. Anyone at rescheduled game not at original should be added to bottom or line-up (2019)
- 3) If opposing coaches agree, Sunday games may be played.
- 4) **In regular season play, no inning shall be started by teams after 1 hour & 45 mins of play if there is a game to follow. No time limit on game if it is the only game schedule on diamond for the night. (2018) No game should be left in a Tie- reschedule a make-up if time elapses. (2022)**
- 5) Each Team shall play a season's schedule of games. Games which are rained out or postponed for any reason must be rescheduled by the home team within two weeks. Any regular season games not played by the fall meeting both teams are recorded as a loss. If two teams cannot come together and reschedule the game within a two week period, it must be brought before the President for a final decision. (2016)

M) REPORTING SCORES

- 1) **The winning coach is responsible for reporting the score to the Scorecard Secretary. This can be done by email, Facebook or leave a phone message. (2021)**
- 2) All scores shall be to the Scorecard Secretary by Saturday of that week. Promptness is important in order for teams to be seeded correctly.

N) FINANCES

- 1) Each team shall pay annual dues (i.e. \$50.00) to the League Treasurer. The money will be used to carry on the business of the league.
- 2) The home team shall furnish balls that are acceptable to the opposing coach.
- 3) Each home team shall provide officials & scorers. If the home team cannot provide 2 umpires, the visiting team shall have the opportunity to have a volunteer act as the **field** umpire.

O) PROTEST

- 1) There will be none.
- 2) Document any problems or questions for the fall meeting or contact the League Vice-President.

P) GROUND RULES

- 1) Home field ground rules will be respected.
- 2) Coaches & officials for the game shall meet before the game. Ground rules shall be clearly & carefully explained.

Q) DISCIPLINE

- 1) Directors will give 1 dugout warning to an unruly team, a 2nd offense will be considered a violation. Violators will be ejected from the game immediately & be suspended for the following game. If a 3rd violation occurs, said violator will be done for the season.
- 2) Coaches will be banished from the field & dugout for the 1st offense & finished for the season if a 2nd offense occurs.
- 3) If there is any physical contact made with an umpire, the violator will be finished for the season.
- 4) The Director will call the Vice-President with the name of the violator & the Vice-President will call the opposing coach for the next game.
- 5) This rule will be enforced for the ½ hour before & after the game.
- 6) The league officials shall have the authority to suspend any manager, official, or team for just cause.

R) Each team coach shall secure a copy of the Constitution & By-Laws. He shall acquaint himself & his players with its contents. **Ignorance shall not be an excuse for violation thereof.**

S) Home plate umpires' decisions will be followed during the game.

T) Any matter not covered by the Constitution & By-Laws shall be left to the discretion of the league officials.

2022 BY-LAWS

A) PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 1) Any boy is eligible to play in this association who has a bona-fide contract & who observes the Constitution & By-Laws.
- 2) There shall be no limit to the number of players in league play.
- 3) The boundaries are formed by individual old school districts, in which each player lives, before any consolidations occurred.

B) TEN-RUN RULE-(2018)

- 1) **PW-SF-JB - Ten-run rule has been removed and changed - If either team is ahead by 13 runs at the end of 4 innings or ahead by 7 runs at the end of 5 innings - it shall be a complete game. 2018)**
- 2) **Senior League – Ten-run rule after 5 innings (2022)**

C) CATCHERS

- 1) **All shall wear supporters, which contain a cup in it for protection.**
- 2) All shall wear a protective helmet.

D) BASE STEALING

- 1) There will be no stealing in **Pee Wee**.
- 2) **Small Fry** runners can steal 2nd or 3rd base after the ball crosses home plate. Runners may not steal home plate. Further clarification of this ruling may be found in the Small Fry rules.
- 3) **Junior** league base runners shall not leave their bases **until the ball leaves the hand of the pitcher.(2017)** Ball is dead when ball is returned to pitcher. Runners must return to bases.
- 4) **Senior** league will play with a "Live Ball" situation at all times (i.e. lead off stealing).
- 5) In **Pee Wee, Small Fry, & Junior** leagues, if a base runner(s) leaves the base early, the 1st instance will be an official warning from the umpire in charge. If, on the same team, a 2nd instance of a base runner(s) leaving base early occurs, the umpire in charge shall declare that runner(s) out.

E) GENERAL ASSOCIATION RULES (to be followed with exception)

- 1) A pitching week runs Monday thru Sunday.
- 2) All players will wear batting helmets with ear & temple protection while at bat & running bases.
- 3) Catchers must wear a protective helmet and supporters with a cup as part of their equipment.
- 4) All players warming up the pitcher must wear a face mask.
- 5) A recommended 5 pitch warm up between innings and 8 pitch warm-up when replacing pitchers in the inning.- to keep the game moving.(2017)
- 6) Any player, who intentionally slides into, runs into, waves arms, or in any way causes interference on a double play, shall be called out. If, in the umpire's judgment, the interference prevents an out on the batter/runner, he shall also call the batter/runner out.
- 7) By deliberately crashing into a fielder, holding the ball & waiting to make tag, with severe force in order for said player to drop the ball, will force the umpire to call the runner out for unsportsmanlike conduct & disqualify the player from further participation in that game. However, the base runner does not have to slide if contact is avoided.
- 8) Faking a tag without the ball, or when no play is imminent, must be curtailed. Defensive obstruction will be called & the runner will be awarded 1 extra base from the point of infraction.
- 9) **When a town has two or more teams the coaches shall draft the players alternating picks equally by ability and by age. Town directors will check roster for age before submitting to county. Players can be added to the roster after the initial sign-up at the discretion of town director, but no later than May 1st. (2022).** Any additions need to be forwarded to the County League President.
- 10) The infield fly rule will be in effect for all games **except Pee Wee & Small Fry**.
- 11) Sliding headfirst is allowed, but not recommended.
- 12) Umpires behind the plate:
 - a) Pee Wee: 15 years of age & older
 - b) Small Fry & Junior: 16 years of age & older
 - c) Senior: 18 years of age & older
- 13) **In regular season play, no inning shall be started by teams after 1 hour & 45 mins of play if there is a game to follow. No time limit on game if it is the only game schedule on diamond for the night. (2022)**
- 14) No girl shall be allowed to play on any Carroll County boys' baseball team if a girls' softball team exists in Carroll County.
- 15) A player cannot switch-hit after 2 strikes.
- 16) No softball bats are allowed.

- 17) Steel spikes will be allowed in Senior league.
- 18) Temporary players are not allowed to pitch.
- 19) Disciplinary actions must be discussed with the other coach. Otherwise, every player listed on the roster at the beginning of the game, must play in that game.
- 20) Re-entry rule (does not apply to Senior League): A player in the starting line-up, who has been removed for substitute, may re-enter the game once, in any position in the batting order. However, the substitute must first complete 1 time at bat & play defensively for a minimum of 6 consecutive outs.
 - a) Pitchers once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers.
 - b) Only a player in the starting line-up may re-enter the game.
 - c) A starter (S1) re-entering the game as a substitute for another starter (S2), must then fulfill all conditions of a substitute (once at bat & six defensive outs) before S2 can re-enter the game.
 - d) **NOTE 1:** When two or more substitute players of the defensive team enter the game at the same time, the coach shall immediately (before they take their positions as fielders), designate to the umpire-in-chief said players' positions in the team's batting order. The umpire-in-chief shall then notify the official scorer. The umpire-in-chief shall have the authority to designate the substitutes' places in the batting order, if this information is not immediately provided.
 - e) **NOTE 2:** If, during a game, either team is unable to place nine players on the field due to illness, injury, or ejection, the opposing coach shall select a player to re-enter the line-up. A player ejected from the game is not eligible for re-entry.
- 21) If an injury occurs to a player on the field resulting in a substitution, that player may re-enter the game at any position, - if removed as pitcher at time of injury he may return as pitcher.
 - ** If the injury affects an offensive player a courtesy runner is allowed and must be the batter who made the last out. Injured player may return to game after the end of ½ inning if able.
 - ** If the injury is to a defensive player, he may return at the next field switch- ½ inning if able.

F) LEAGUE TOURNAMENTS

- 1) Tournaments are hosted on a rotating schedule between towns and will be decided at spring meeting.
- 2) The higher seeded team will always be the Home team.
- 3) Tournaments should be finished in one week if weather permits. Saturday games should be avoided (2016). There will only be one round played per calendar day.
- 4) A boy may play in only one league tournament. **Exception:** A team shall be allowed to bring up a player from a lower division if they do not have enough players to field a team. This player cannot pitch & the coach must get league approval by contacting the League President.
- 5) League officials or directors will be at championship games to present trophies.
- 6) Each team shall supply a new game ball for each game they play in.
- 7) Decisions made by tournament directors at tournament games do not override the CCYBA Constitution & By-Laws.
- 8) Towns hosting league tournaments should make every effort to have qualified umpires for each game.
- 9) Any game suspended before four full innings have been played, due to darkness or rain, will be **continued** when play resumes. **DO NOT START OVER!**
- 10) Tournament games shall have no time limits.
- 11) During the league tournament, all players on the roster are to play in a game for all leagues. All PeeWee's and Small Fry should play at least 2 innings and use a continuous batting order. (2016)
- 12) All players must play in at least half (2016) of the regular season league games to be eligible for tournament play.

G) ALL STAR GAME

- a) During All Star games, a continuous batting order is to be used by the coaches to insure that everyone gets a chance to bat.
- b) Coaches for the all-star teams will be the **coaches of the 1st and 2nd place teams of the league.** (not tournament)
- c) Division of teams will be determined by **bracket seating. Example on a 8 team bracket 1-4-5-8 would play 2-3-6-7 (2019)**
- d) There will be a limit of 7 batters per inning or 3 outs. Whichever comes first.(2017)

H) LAKE CARROLL BOUNDARIES

- a) Lake Carroll is to be part of the Shannon town league as of July 2002. Any participants that have been enrolled in the Lanark league, that reside in Lake Carroll, will be grand-fathered in. This means that any child who has not been old enough to play, but one of their siblings has been may continue to play in Lanark. Anyone not enrolled prior to July of 2002, or any sibling for that matter, needs to be enrolled in the Shannon league.

2022 PEE WEE LEAGUE

1. Adult Pitching Rule: Once the adult pitcher delivers the ball to home plate, he shall not enter into play again until the youth player throws him the ball. The circle shall be 10 feet in diameter. If the adult pitcher touches a batted ball other than in self-defense, the batter shall be called out & all other runners will return to the base which they occupied prior to the batted ball. Umpires will call a time-out at their discretion.
 - a. The defensive player/pitcher must have 1 foot in the circle at the time the adult pitches the ball.
 - b. The adult pitcher may stand where he wants, at his discretion. **Must Pitch Overhand**
2. **3 Swings or Ten-Pitch Count per player: If the 10th pitch is fouled off, the batter can stay until the ball is hit fair, or the next passed ball is not fouled off. – backing out of a good pitch will result in a strike. (2022)**
3. Bases will be 60 feet & the pitching plate will be 46 feet.
4. All names of roster players present must be exchanged before the game.
5. **A team unable to field the required ten (10) players may be allowed to use only eight (8). Eight will not require an automatic out. If a team has less than eight (8) players, the game must be forfeited or rescheduled.**
6. **During all games, regular & tournament, a continuous batting order is to be used by the coaches to ensure that everyone gets a chance to bat. (2022)**
7. During the regular season & tournament, all players must play 2 innings in the field during a 6-inning game or forfeit. Less than 6 innings will not be a forfeit, but an effort must be made by the coach to allow all the boys to play, unless a disciplinary action by the coach is being enforced.
8. Teams will play 6 innings.
9. **In regular season play, no inning shall be started by teams after 1 hour & 45 mins of play if there is a game to follow. No time limit on game if it is the only game schedule on diamond for the night. (2022)**
10. Ten-run rule has been removed and changed - If the either team is ahead by 13 runs at the end of 4 innings or ahead by 7 runs at the end of 5 innings - it shall be a complete game. (2018)
11. Cannot reach base on a walk.
12. Cannot reach base by a hit batter.
13. For safety of all players - Runner must slide into home if a play is being made at home plate or he will be called out. (2018).
14. No Pinch Runner (2016)
15. After one out has been made in the inning- a courtesy runner will be allowed for the catcher only. The player that made last out should be the substituted runner. This is an option for the ease of getting equipment back on and not mandatory. (2017)
16. Headgear, including ear & temple protectors, will be worn by all batters & runners.
17. No bunting.
18. There is no base stealing in PeeWee - if a base runner(s) leaves the base early, the 1st instance will be an official warning from the umpire in charge. If, on the same team, a 2nd instance of a base runner(s) leaving base early occurs, the umpire in charge shall declare that runner(s) out.
19. On an overthrow at any base, the runner may only advance to next base. But a play may be made on him with no further advancement of the runner. (one base on an overthrow-example; overthrow on 1st, runs to 2nd, overthrow on 2nd, player stays on 2nd)
20. Play is dead when the ball is hit to the outfield, comes in possession of an infielder within the bases if no further play is continued. A play could still be made on runners running at their own risk at infielder's discretion. Hash marks still in play, if runners are past when play is stopped, they continue to next base. The play is not dead if it is not hit past the bases. The ball is still in regular play.
21. No infield fly rule.
22. Tee-ball bats are allowed but should only be used by first year players or very small players. Be sure to announce the use to opposing coach prior to start of game.
23. There is a 2 ¼ bat limit. Use of an illegal size should be reported to the president. If larger barrel is used for batting purposes during game - 1st offense will result in the forfeit of that game but should be played until finished. A 2nd offense will result in the removal of violating coach. (2019)
24. Outfielders shall play behind the baseline.
25. Each team will bat until 3 outs have been made or 6 runs have scored.
26. Plate Umpires must be 15 yrs or older.
27. The scores shall be furnished to the Scorecard Secretary.
28. The Winning coach should report score and results to Scorecard Secretary

2022 SMALL FRY LEAGUE

1. Pitchers are allowed to pitch 3 innings per game or 75 pitches per game whichever comes first. - Exception of finishing current batter. Both scorekeepers should keep track and compare counts every other inning throughout the game if possible.
 - a. Per game: If a pitcher has already pitched his 3 innings & continues to pitch 1 pitch in an additional inning, the game will be considered a forfeit. (2016)
 - b. NOTE: A pitcher, once removed from that position, may not pitch again in the same game. – unless related to injury rule-see #19

A recommended 5 pitch warm up between innings and 8 pitch warm-up when replacing pitchers in the inning.- to keep the game moving.(2017)

2. The Pitcher Balk rule shall not apply to the Small Fry league.
3. Bases will be 60 feet & the pitching plate will be 46 feet.
4. All names of roster players present must be exchanged before the game.
5. **A team unable to field the required nine (9) players may be allowed to use only eight (8). Eight will not require an automatic out. If a team has less than eight (8) players the game must be forfeited or rescheduled. (2022)**
6. **During all games, regular & tournament, a continuous batting order is to be used by the coaches to insure that everyone gets a chance to bat. (2022)**
7. During the regular season & tournament, all players must play 2 innings in the field during a 6 inning game or forfeit. Less than 6 innings will not be a forfeit, but an effort must be made by the coach to allow all the boys to play, unless a disciplinary action by the coach is being enforced. (2016)
8. Teams will play 6 innings.
9. **In regular season play, no inning shall be started by teams after 1 hour & 45 mins of play if there is a game to follow. No time limit on game if it is the only game schedule on diamond for the night. (2022)**
10. Ten-run rule has been removed and changed - If either team is ahead by 13 runs after 4 innings or ahead by 7 after 5 innings - it shall be a complete game. (2018)
11. For safety of all players - Runner must slide into home if a play is being made at home plate or he will be called out. (2018).
12. No Pinch Runners (2016)
13. After one out has been made in the inning- a courtesy runner will be allowed for the catcher only. The player that made last out should be the substituted runner. This is an option for the ease of getting equipment back on and not mandatory. (2017)
14. Headgear, including ear & temple protectors, will be worn by all batters & runners.
15. Bunting is allowed-If the motion is made to bunt, the motion must be followed through-no pulling back and swinging. If bunt is not followed through as a bunt it will be an automatic out. (2018)
16. No Drop Third Strike
17. Base Stealing: NOTE: It is recommended to discuss this with the opposing team's coaches prior to the beginning of the game so everyone understands the same. Rules simplified (2016)
Base runners can steal 2nd / 3rd base after the ball crosses the home plate.
There is no stealing home base in Small Fry. If a player is on 3rd base when the pitch is thrown to the next batter, he may go home if:
 - a. the bases are loaded & the batter is walked/hit by a pitch
 - b. the batter hits the ball resulting in a "live ball"**NOTE:** If a batter is walked, he may continue on to steal 2nd base at his own risk if he does not stop at 1st base when he reaches it. If a runner stops, either by the defensive team or voluntarily, at 1st base after being walked, he may not continue on to steal 2nd base until after the pitcher delivers the ball to the next batter.
If a base runner(s) leaves the base early, the 1st instance will be an official warning from the umpire in charge. If, on the same team, a 2nd instance of a base runner(s) leaving base early occurs, the umpire in charge shall declare that runner(s) out.
18. No in-field fly rule
19. If an injury occurs to a player on the field resulting in a substitution, that player may re-enter the game at any position, - if removed as pitcher at time of injury he may return as pitcher.
** If the injury affects an offensive player a courtesy runner is allowed and must be the batter who made the last out. Injured player may return to game after the end of ½ inning if able.
** If the injury is to a defensive player, he may return at the next field switch- ½ inning if able.
20. No bat size bigger than 2 ¼ ". Use of an illegal size should be reported to the president. **A 1st offense during the season will constitute in an out and a 2nd offense will result in a forfeit. (2016)**
21. Each team will bat until 3 outs have been made or 6 runs have scored.
22. Plate Umpires must be 16 yrs or older
23. The scores shall be furnished to the Scorecard Secretary .
24. The Winning coach should report score and results to Scorecard Secretary

2022 JUNIOR LEAGUE

1. Pitchers are allowed to pitch 6 innings per game or 90 pitches whichever comes first. - Exception of finishing current batter. Both scorekeepers should keep track and compare counts every other inning throughout the game if possible.
 - a. If a pitcher pitches in 4 or more innings, he will have one calendar day's rest between games, with a 12 inning limit for tournament & a limit of six innings per game.
 - b. Per game: If a pitcher has already pitched his 6 innings in a regular season game & continues to pitch 1 pitch in an additional inning, the game will be considered a forfeit. (2016)
 - c. A pitcher, once removed from that position, may not pitch again in the same game. - unless related to injury rule-see #21

A recommended 5 pitch warm up between innings and 8 pitch warm-up when replacing pitchers in the inning.- to keep the game moving.(2017)

2. The Pitcher Balk rule shall not apply to the Junior league.
3. Bases will be 70 feet & the pitching plate will be 50 feet. (2017)
4. All names of roster players present must be exchanged before the game.
5. **A team unable to field the required nine (9) players may be allowed to use only eight (8). Eight will not require an automatic out. If a team has less than eight (8) players the game must be forfeited or rescheduled. (2022)**
6. **During all games, regular & tournament, a continuous batting order is to be used by the coaches to insure that everyone gets a chance to bat. (2022)**
7. During the regular season, all players must play 2 innings in the field during a 6 inning game or forfeit. Less than 6 innings will not be a forfeit, but every effort must be made by coaches to allow all boys to play.
8. Teams will play 6 innings.
9. **In regular season play, no inning shall be started by teams after 1 hour & 45 mins of play if there is a game to follow. No time limit on game if it is the only game schedule on diamond for the night. (2022)**
10. Ten-run rule has been removed and changed - If either team is ahead by 13 runs after 4 innings or ahead by 7 after 5 innings - it shall be a complete game. (2018)
11. For safety of all players - Runner must slide into home if a play is being made at home plate or he will be called out. (2018).
12. No Pinch Runners (2016)
13. After one out has been made in the inning- a courtesy runner will be allowed for the catcher only. The player that made last out should be the substituted runner. This is an option for the ease of getting equipment back on and not mandatory. (2017)
14. Headgear, including ear & temple protectors, will be worn by all batters & runners.
15. Bunting is allowed-If the motion is made to bunt, the motion must be followed through-no pulling back and swinging. If bunt is not followed through as a bunt it will be an automatic out. (2018)
16. No Drop Third Strike
17. Base Stealing- Base runners shall not leave their base until the ball leaves the hand of the pitcher. Runners may advance to any base, including home plate. Ball is dead when ball is returned to pitcher. Runners must return to bases. (2017)

If a base runner(s) leaves the base early, the 1st instance will be an official warning from the umpire in charge. If, on the same team, a 2nd instance of a base runner(s) leaving base early occurs, the umpire in charge shall declare that runner(s) out.
18. In-field fly rule will be followed.
19. Intentional walks: The pitches do not have to be thrown. Just tell the umpire.
20. If a batter is walked, he may continue on to steal 2nd base at his own risk if he does not stop at 1st base when he reaches it. If a runner stops, either by the defensive team or voluntarily, at 1st base after being walked, he may not continue on to steal 2nd base until after the pitcher delivers the ball to the batter.
21. If an injury occurs to a player on the field resulting in a substitution, that player may re-enter the game at any position, - if removed as pitcher at time of injury he may return as pitcher.

** If the injury affects an offensive player a courtesy runner is allowed and must be the batter who made the last out. Injured player may return to game after the end of ½ inning if able.

** If the injury is to a defensive player, he may return at the next field switch- ½ inning if able.
22. All bats will have a 2 ¼ - 2 ¾" diameter to be legal. Use of an illegal size should be reported to the president.

A 1st offense during the season will constitute in an out and a 2nd offense will result in a forfeit. (2017)
23. There will be no chanting, clapping, or distracting the other team.
24. Plate Umpires must be 16 yrs or older.
25. The scores shall be furnished to the Scorecard Secretary .
26. The Winning coach should report score and results to Scorecard Secretary

2022 SENIOR LEAGUE

1. Pitching:
 - a. Regular season: 10 innings per week with a maximum of 7 innings per game or 105 pitches whichever comes first. - Exception of finishing current batter. Both scorekeepers should keep track and compare counts every other inning throughout the game if possible. (2019)
 - b. Per game: If a pitcher has already pitched his 7 innings in a regular season game & continues to pitch 1 pitch in an additional inning, the game will be considered a forfeit.
 - c. Tournament: If tied at the end of regulation play, a pitcher may pitch 9 innings.
 - d. A pitcher will not pitch more than 14 innings per tournament.
 - e. If a pitcher pitches in more than 5 innings in 1 game, he must have 1 calendar day's rest before pitching again. - No pitcher may pitch more than 8 innings in consecutive days.

A recommended 5 pitch warm up between innings and 8 pitch warm-up when replacing pitchers in the inning.- to keep the game moving.(2017)
2. Changes to High School Rule Book:
 - a. Bases shall be 80 feet apart.
 - b. Pitching rubbers shall be 55 feet from home plate.
 - c. Uniforms are not mandatory, but numbered shirts are required.
 - d. A uniform for the coach is not required.
 - e. A pitcher's mound is not mandatory.
 - f. There will be no protests.
3. Steel Spikes will be allowed in Senior League due to High School ages players using them for regular season.
4. All names of roster players present must be exchanged before the game.
5. **A team unable to field the required nine (9) players may be allowed to use only eight (8). Eight will not require an automatic out. If a team has less than eight (8) players the game must be forfeited or rescheduled. (2022)**
6. **During all games, regular & tournament, a continuous batting order is to be used by the coaches to insure that everyone gets a chance to bat. (2022)**
7. During the regular season, all players must play 2 innings in the field during a 7 inning game or forfeit. Less than 7 innings will not be a forfeit, but every effort must be made by coaches to allow all boys to play.
8. Teams will play 7 innings.
9. **In regular season play, no inning shall be started by teams after 1 hour & 45 mins of play if there is a game to follow. No time limit on game if it is the only game schedule on diamond for the night. (2022)**
10. **Ten-run rule after 5 innings (2022)**
11. For safety of all players - Runner must slide into home if a play is being made at home plate or he will be called out. (2018).
12. No Pinch Runners (2016)
13. After one out has been made in the inning- a courtesy runner will be allowed for the catcher only. The player that made last out should be the substituted runner. This is an option for the ease of getting equipment back on and not mandatory. (2017)
14. Headgear, including ear & temple protectors, will be worn by all batters & runners.
15. Bunting is allowed-If the motion is made to bunt, the motion must be followed through-no pulling back and swinging. If bunt is not followed through as a bunt it will be an automatic out. (2018)
16. Drop 3rd strike will be played.
17. Base Stealing- **Senior** league will play with a "Live Ball" situation at all times (i.e. lead off stealing)
18. In-field fly rule will be followed.
19. If an injury occurs to a player on the field resulting in a substitution, that player may re-enter the game at any position, - if removed as pitcher at time of injury he may return as pitcher.
** If the injury affects an offensive player a courtesy runner is allowed and must be the batter who made the last out. Injured player may return to game after the end of ½ inning if able.
** If the injury is to a defensive player, he may return at the next field switch- ½ inning if able.
20. All bats will have a 2 ¼ - 2 ¾" diameter to be legal. Use of an illegal size should be reported to the president.
A 1st offense during the season will constitute in an out and a 2nd offense will result in a forfeit. (2016)
21. There will be no chanting, clapping, or distracting the other team.
22. Plate umpires must be 18 yrs. or older
23. The scores shall be furnished to the Scorecard Secretary.
24. The Winning coach should report score and results to Scorecard Secretary