

Moscow Baseball Association

League Rules

MAJORS:

1. No sliding head first into home plate. If the runner slides intentionally into home base, the runner is out. This has to be an intentional slide. A trip of some sort does not count as intentional.
2. Encourage feet first to slide into all bases, no penalty for sliding head first unless its into home plate.
3. Lead off is allowed in Majors
4. Infield fly rule is in effect in Majors
5. Pitch Smart Guidelines trumps rulebook
6. Illegal bats will result in an out. If a player steps into the batter's box with an illegal bat they are automatically out.
7. If the ball is live, a walk can advance to second as a steal.
8. If you show a bunt, you are required to either bunt or take the pitch.
9. Play time
 - a. Each athlete should get an opportunity to play both Infield and outfield at least once per game.
 - b. Each team is required to bat entire line up
 - c. Courtesy runners for the catcher is allowed and encouraged with two outs. Runner must be the last out. Please have runner ready to go!
10. If there are two outs and there is a dropped third strike, the hitter and any base runners have the opportunity to advance to the next base. With less than two outs and first base occupied, the hitter is automatically out even if the third strike is dropped.
11. Balk enforcement - 2 warning maximum per pitcher
12. The members of the coaching staff (including the manager) can make one mound visit per pitcher per inning without needing to remove the pitcher from the game. If the same pitcher is visited twice in one inning, the pitcher must be removed from the mound.
13. 3 inning minimum to count as a full game
 - a. If game is called after the third inning the score reverts back to score at conclusion of the last full inning
 - b. Pitch count will account for every pitch thrown that day.

14. All scores and pitch counts need reported day of game by both team head coaches to data compliance office at score@latahbaseball.com

15. No new inning after 1:45 hours and drop dead at 2 hours.

a. If coaches want to finish a game after the time limit, both coaches need to agree on "official end of game."

i. Example: Did the game end at 2 hours or will the official end score be at the conclusion of inning 6.

ii. Pitch count needs reports for the full amount of pitches thrown on that day.

16. Mercy Rule:

a. 15 runs after 4 innings

b. 10 runs after 5 innings