

# Moscow Baseball Association

## League Rules

### MINORS:

1. One base steal: Only one base advancement per live ball. If the ball hits the dirt, goes over the catcher's head, the pitcher doesn't catch it on the throwback from the catcher, it's a live ball and the baserunner can try to advance but is limited to one base per pitch.
2. 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.
3. Encourage feet first to slide into all bases, no penalty for sliding head first unless its into home.
4. Baserunners can't take a lead off.
5. In field fly rule does not apply in the Minors division.
6. Pitch Smart Guidelines trumps rulebook.
7. Illegal bats will result in an out. If a player steps into the batter's box with an illegal bat they are automatically out.
8. No drop third strike in Minors. Three strikes you are out.
9. No steal on a walk for the batter!! If the ball is dropped or passed the catcher, the runners already on base are allowed to advance 1 base (see rule #1) but the batter gets first ONLY.
10. No bunting, no show bunt, no slap bunt- NO BUNTING!
11. 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!
12. Balk enforcement - warn and teach. Not something we will call in this league.
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](mailto: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

17. 5 run rule per inning. Last inning (inning 6) will be unlimited runs.