

Baseball

- A. No metal spikes. Plastic cleats are permitted. A pre-game inspection by the game official will take place. If a player is found in metal cleats after the pre-game check, the player will be called out if up to bat. If found to be wearing metal cleats once on base after a hit or a walk, or while on defense, the player will be called out. Players found to be wearing metal cleats will also be disqualified from the remainder of the contest.
- B. Wooden and aluminum bats may be used.
- C. The EVC will follow MLB's Pitch Smart guidelines as adopted by the Arizona Interscholastic Association.

A team representative for each team will be responsible for keeping track of the opponent's pitch count. This will be recorded in the scorebook of the opposing team at the end of the game. Scorebooks will be reviewed to verify the number of pitches by individuals during tournament play. Coaches must make them available to opposing coaches, AD's and the EVC President.

- D. 7th GRADE: Pitching distance shall be 54'; base paths shall be 80 feet. 8th GRADE: Pitching distance shall be 60' 6"; base paths shall be 90 feet.
- E. Distance from home to second shall be 113 feet, 1-½ inches.
- F. Players that start a game may be substituted for one time and be permitted to return to the game (this includes the pitcher). Players must bat in their original position.
- G. A team may use a designated hitter.
- H. A team may use a 10th player as the AH, or may choose to bat up to all roster members, if they so choose. Coaches may use a free substitute runner for the pitcher and the catcher.
- I. Adult coaches may occupy both base coaching boxes.
- J. It is recommended that the home team should provide two qualified umpires. The plate umpire must umpire from behind the plate and is not to call the game from behind the pitcher's mound.
- K. The game shall be six (6) innings. The umpire in charge shall use his own judgment about sufficient light for continuing a game. A complete game will be when three (3) complete innings are played. Each team must bat three (3) times unless the home team is ahead after 2 ½ innings. In the event that a game is called due to insufficient light during an incomplete inning, the final score reverts back to the score during the previous complete inning.
- L. There will be no more than ten (10) runs per team at bat per inning or three (3) outs. A game will be called if one team is leading by ten (10) runs at the end of four (4) innings. This will apply to both the regular season and tournament play.

M. 7th grade games are to be scheduled on the same day and at the same time as the 8th grade game unless other arrangements are made.

N. The coaches of each team shall make out two lineup cards for each game, one for the opposing coach and the other for the umpire. These lineup cards shall be exchanged before the beginning of the game.

O. No new inning will begin after two (2) hours from the beginning of the game. During regular season play, teams will adhere to the two hour time limit; extra-inning tiebreakers will not be played during regular season games.

P. In conference tournament play when the game is tied and over the two (2) hour limit, extra innings will be played. If, in the event the game was still tied after extra innings and could not be completed that evening for whatever reason, the EVC President MUST be notified immediately. The tied teams should be prepared to travel to the tournament site the next evening to complete the game. The EVC president will make the final decision regarding completion. Participating tournament teams will be required to supply four (4) game balls.