

## BYLAW 7: BOYS' BASEBALL

- A. No metal spikes; plastic football cleats are permitted.
- B. All players must wear school-issued batting helmets.
- C. Wooden and aluminum bats may be used. There is NO restriction on the size or weight of baseball bats.
- D. Pitchers may pitch nine innings only (Sunday to Saturday). During tournament play a pitcher may pitch an additional nine innings. Scorebooks will be reviewed to verify the number of innings pitched by individuals during tournament play. Coaches must make them available to opposing coaches, A.D.'s and the tournament director.
- E. *i<sup>h</sup>* GRADE: Pitching distance shall be 54 feet; base paths shall be 80 feet.  
8<sup>th</sup> GRADE: Pitching distance shall be 60'6"; base paths shall be 90 feet.
- F. Distance from home to second shall be 113 feet, 1-Yz inches.
- G. 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.
- H. A team may use a designated hitter.
- I. A team may use a 10<sup>th</sup> player as the AH only if agreed upon by both coaches prior to the start of the game.
- J. Coaches may use a free substitute runner for the catcher.
- K. Adult coaches may occupy both base coaching boxes.
- L. 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.
- M. 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 four (4) complete innings are played. Each team must bat four (4) times unless the home team is ahead after 3 Yz innings.
- N. 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.
  - o. *ih* grade games are to be scheduled on the same day and at the same time as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade game unless other arrangements are made.
- P. 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.
- Q. 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.
- R. **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 tournament director MUST be notified immediately. The tied teams should be prepared to travel to the tournament site the next evening to complete the game. The tournament director will make the final decision regarding completion.