

Major Rules – Fall 2018

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1. Time Limit – 1 hour 45 minutes drop dead • No tie-breakers
2. Any protest situation must be resolved before continuation of play.
3. If umpires are not available, contact the board member on duty.
4. Weather decisions on field condition, practice / games being played, halting a game or completion of a game shall be made by the following people in order of availability:
 - City of Palm Beach Gardens
 - Baseball President
 - Board Member on Field Duty
 - Head Umpire
 - 5. Manager – May pull players from field only if both managers agree; however, managers MAY NOT postpone, reschedule or cancel a game. NOTE: Manager may cancel their practice at any time
5. Every player must play at least ½ of the game defensively in the field and sit not more than one inning. Free substitution is allowed.
6. A team's at bat will end when the 3rd out is made or 7 batters have batted.
7. The batting order shall be the entire roster in attendance at the game. In the event that a team can only field 8 players, the 9th position in the batting order shall be considered an automatic out.
8. On deck batters are permitted in the on deck circle located to the back of the batter.
9. The defensive team shall field 9 players on the field at one time.
10. Pitching Rules – Pitcher may pitch a maximum of 2 innings per game and 3 innings per week.
11. Balks will be a warning from the umpire with play stopped and the call explained to the pitcher by the umpire. Runners will NOT be awarded the next base when a balk occurs.
12. Coaches may warm up pitchers. Players warming up pitchers must wear a mask. 13. Lead offs and steals will be allowed.
14. No fake attempt to bunt and swing (Butcher Boy). If, at the umpire's discretion the play occurred, the batter is out and ball is dead.
15. Infield Fly rule shall apply.
16. Managers and coaches are permitted to coach 1st and 3rd base. Players are also allowed should the manager choose to do so. Players must wear a helmet when coaching a base.
17. No head first slides into any base. Players may slide head first back to a base. Players must slide into a base to avoid contact. (Avoiding contact is umpire discretion) No slide, as determined by the umpire, will result in the runner being called out.

18. Catchers must have proper catcher's equipment (including protective cup) and use a catcher's mitt.
19. Players shall not wear jewelry of any kind, except permitted sports break-a-way jewelry. Medical alert bracelets or necklaces should be taped to the body.
20. No metal cleats.
21. All players on a team shall wear uniforms identical in color, time and style according to the Babe Ruth Rulebook. Players not in uniform WILL NOT be allowed to participate in the game.
22. Any player bleeding during a game shall be removed until the bleeding has stopped and a bandage applied.
23. When a player is injured and cannot run, the batter last out shall take his place.
24. In the event of injury, immediate medical attention shall be given and the player if necessary, be taken to the emergency room. PBGYAA Baseball Hotline (622-4157) shall be contacted as soon as possible.
25. Players must remain in the dugout during games. • Exception: Trips to bathroom or water fountain – one at a time. No player should be sitting in the stands.
26. Behavior of players, managers, coaches and spectators will be according to the PBGYAA Code of Conduct.
27. Players or coaches ejected from a game will automatically sit the next game. Players or coaches must attend the next game, dressed in uniform and remain in the stands. They will not participate in any game until this requirement is met.
28. Approved Bats - Cal Ripken Division - All non-wood bats must have the **USA Bat Marking**. The Barrel Maximum is 2 ⁵/₈". No BBCOR Bats are permitted in the Cal Ripken Division. For the T-Ball Division, bats must be marked with the USA Bat T-Ball Stamp.

Playoff Rules for Fall

1. Time Limit – no new inning will start after 1 hr. 45 min.
2. Pitchers will be limited to 4 innings for the playoff tournament.
3. Mercy Rule - The game will end via 10 run mercy rule when one team leads by 10 or more runs at the end of 4 innings or later, or 3½ innings if the home team is ahead. The team that is behind must complete at least 4 full innings at bat. If the visiting team takes a 10+ run lead in the top of the 4th, 5th, or 6th inning the home team shall have the opportunity to finish the inning in an attempt to catch up. The game will end immediately if the home team takes a 10 run lead in the 4th. There is 8 run mercy rule after 5 innings (can't score more than 7 runs per inning).
4. If a game is tied will use the Kansas City Tie Breaker.

Procedure: The game and batting order continues in regular fashion with 1 (one) exception: The last offensive player who completed his or her at bat shall begin the team's half inning at second base. The inning is started with 0 (none) out. Should the score remain tied after the initial tiebreaker inning, a regular season game will be considered a tie and a complete game, a playoff game will repeat this procedure until a winner is declared.