

## 2017 Harrison Recreation 7/8 Baseball Rules

1. League Play will be played under Dizzy Dean Baseball Rules with exceptions made by Harrison Recreation.
2. A 70 Minute time limit will be used in league play. No new inning will be started after time limit runs out during school nights (Monday – Thursday) and weekends (Friday-Saturday). Games can end in a tie during school nights (Monday – Thursday). Games that are tied at the end of regulation or time limit on Friday's or Saturday's will play extra innings till a winner is determined. If time runs out in the middle of an inning, the inning will be finished if one team is still within reach of the game. 5 run max per inning.
3. There will be **NO** forfeits in league play. You can play with what you have, and or p/u extra players (limit p/u players to make team have 10 players) from another team with approval of both coaches. P/U players must bat last and will have to play in a non-dominant position, i.e. right field.
4. All teams must play all and bat all players on their roster. No player will sit the bench in league play.
5. Must use approved legal bats. All bats must be stamped 1.15 BPF. **This rule will be highly enforced by the umpires and league officials.** Any coach or players caught using an illegal bat will be subject to the penalties of Dizzy Dean Baseball and could result in suspension or removed from coaching.
6. If you have 9 players or less for your game, you do not have to play with a catcher. One of the opposing coaches or an adult will be the catcher. **NO KIDS FROM THE STANDS CAN BE USED FOR THIS DUE TO INSURANCE PURPOSES.**
7. Any player playing pitcher circle must wear either a helmet with a mask or a face guard shield. Catchers are only required to wear a helmet with a mask in league play. Full catching equipment is not required until All-Stars.
8. No Tee usage is allowed in 7/8 league play. 5 pitches or 3 strikes per batter. Last 2 batters in lineup are considered DH's and get 5 pitches/5 Strikes.
9. If a coach or league official feels a player is having concussion like symptoms, they **MUST** remove the player from participation. The player will not be able to return to participation until he has a signed off letter from a certified medical physician and a league official.
10. There are no throwing rules like the ones in 5/6. Please encourage your players to throw the ball to the proper base instead of running players down. If league officials see this becoming a problem, the 5/6 age group defensive rule will be put into use.
11. Home team will be determined by schedule. Home team will be the official scorekeeper. Rainouts are a rare occasion at Harrison Recreation. You will be notified by the age group director or by calling the league phone number (344-3314) as soon as possible the day of the games. You also will be able to check our Website (**[harrisonrecreation.com](http://harrisonrecreation.com)**), Facebook page (**[harrisonrec](https://www.facebook.com/harrisonrec)**) for league info.
12. One batted fair bunt per half inning allowed per team. (NEW DIZZY DEAN RULE)

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