



## MTLL ADDITIONAL PLAYOFF RULES - ALL DIVISIONS 2020

### 1. FORFEIT:

- a. Teams should have a minimum of 9 players (including call-ups) for a game.
- b. However, a team is allowed to start with 8 players (at a minimum) and start at 6:15.
- c. If the team tried to get call up, and call up arrives after 6:15PM, kid can play (so long as approved call up process was used).
- d. If team plays with 8 players, what would have been the 9<sup>th</sup> batter is considered an out in the line-up.
- e. Team must have at least 8 players to play a game.
  - i. Less than 8 players will be a forfeit after 15 minutes from original start time.
- f. For games utilizing a Tri-County Ump: The Ump may require 9 players in the field; if so, the other team will supply the additional outfielder.

### 2. CALL-UPS:

- a. Manager **MUST** contact their Division Director if they need a call up and the Division Director will assign the call up player. You **CANNOT** "bring" or suddenly "find" your call-up player, they **MUST** be assigned. This insures fairness during playoffs. Please know the status of all your players and plan accordingly, it is **NOT** the fault of the opposing manager if you need to forfeit because you cannot follow the rules.
- b. **REMINDER:** Call-Ups are to play outfield **ONLY** and bat last in the line-up.

### 3. DOUBLE ELIMINATION PLAYOFF BRACKETS:

- a. The higher seed has the choice of home or away.
- b. We have full intent on sticking to the schedule, so rain-out games will be played on the next open day in the schedule for both teams involved. Since this may cause pitching issues, please plan accordingly.

### 4. PITCHING: PITCH-COUNTS:

- a. May 31st is the same as June 1st - pitch count limits move to June 1st limits.
- b. Each Division should start an email thread between all managers noting their pitch counts for each game.

### 5. LENGTH OF GAME:

- a. All games will be played to a complete game of at least 6 innings (or longer if extra innings are needed.)
- b. If a game is suspended before the six innings complete, the game resumes in the exact condition the game was suspended (i.e.: runners, batting orders, etc.). The pitchers **MUST** still follow required days rest in order to be able to resume in the suspended game. If a pitcher has already been removed from the game, he is not eligible to pitch when play resumes.
  - i. Example 1: A league age 12 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes on the following Thursday. The pitcher is not eligible to pitch in the resumption of the game because he/she has not observed the required days of rest.
  - ii. Example 2: A league age 12 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes on Saturday. The pitcher is eligible to pitch up to 85 more pitches in the resumption of the game because he/she has observed the required days of rest.

### 6. SUBSTITUTIONS:

- a. **Majors, Minor A:** If you have 10 players, substitution rules remain the same. During playoffs, a team with 11 players may sit 2 innings before all other players sit an inning. No players can sit 3 innings. No players can sit consecutive innings. Regardless of the number of players, every player is in the line-up and bats.
- b. **Minor B:** If you have 11 players, substitution rules remain the same. During playoffs, a team with 12: players may sit 2 innings before all other players sit an inning. No players can sit 3 innings. No players can sit consecutive innings. Regardless of the number of players, every player is in the line-up and bats

### 7. RUN LIMITS

- a. **Majors:** There is no run limit per inning. 10-run rule is in effect: if a team is down 10 or more runs after batting 4 times, the game is over.
- b. **Minor A, Minor B:** Regular season rules apply, there is no 10-run rule.

**ALL OTHER MTLT REGULAR SEASON RULES APPLY**