



Medina Youth Baseball Association, Inc.

Major 11-12 League Rules

1. The Major 11-12 League of Medina Youth Baseball Association, Inc. (MYBA) is for Medina area boys and girls whose birthdates are between the designated dates listed on the annual Official MYBA registration form.
2. The Major 11-12 League will play on fields that are scheduled on the appropriate parks for the respective league per scheduling.
3. All games shall be immediately suspended at any sight of lightning by MYBA officials/Umpires. Coaches and players must exit the playing field. Lightning sightings suspend game restart by 30 minutes, (with the game time ending per the original start time restrictions).
4. The Head Coach of the home team is responsible for contacting the commissioner regarding any uncompleted games due to weather. The commissioner will contact the scheduler for rescheduling all games.
5. Each Head Coach must ensure that all players have been picked up after the conclusion of each game. Parents must always ensure that arrangements to pick up their children have been made, in case of personal scheduling conflicts.
6. Each jobox will be equipped with 3 bases and a First Aid Kit.
7. Each coach is provided with one dozen practice balls and one dozen game balls. Each team will provide one new game ball for each game, which will be provided by MYBA prior to the beginning of the season.
8. Games will consist of a maximum of seven (7) innings. No inning may begin after the one hour and fifty minute time limit. The starting time of the game is the originally scheduled start time, unless due to weather.
9. If a game is called due to the weather or time limit, it is a regulation game if four and a half or four innings have been completed. If the time limit has been reached or game called due to the weather, and the home team is ahead after four and a half innings, the home team does not bat and the game is over.
10. If the visiting team is ahead by at least ten runs after five innings, or the home team is ahead by ten runs after four and a half innings (Mercy Rule). If the visiting team is ahead by at least 20 runs after 3 full innings, (Surrender Rule) or the home team is a head by at least 20 runs after 2 and a half innings, the game will be called complete.
11. Each half-inning consists of three outs or a maximum of 12 batters during innings one through four. When batter twelve is up to bat, the game is to be played as if there are two outs and the Coach needs to notify the Umpire and the opposing Coach that this will be the last batter of the inning. There will be no maximum batter limits after innings five.
12. There will be score keeping for all games played in the Major 11-12 League.
13. Each team will have an official scorekeeper. After each half-inning, both scorekeepers will compare scorebooks to ensure a correct score and batting order.
14. A Major 11-12 League regular season game can end with a TIE Score and that tie will be submitted as part of the teams' regular season records.
15. Players should be in uniform but consideration should be taken for lost hats. If a player has registered after the league deadline, he/she may not have received a jersey in time for the first few games. The player should wear a T-shirt in the color of the team uniform if he has one available.
16. Players will not wear earrings, finger rings, watches or any other form of jewelry (seen or unseen) while on the playing field, in dugouts , or during practices or games. No bracelets or necklaces are allowed unless it's for medical reasons only.
17. If a bat boy/girl is used, they must wear a helmet while on the playing field.

18. Each player will play a minimum of three (3) innings. A player's playing time may, however, be limited as a discipline problems and the coach will indicate this at the start of the game when rosters are exchanged.
19. No player will sit out for more than one consecutive inning, no more than two innings per game, unless he/she is injured or is ill.
20. Every player shall be entered in the batting order. There shall be no changes to the batting order once the game has begun, unless a change is required due to injury or illness occurring to a player. Late-arriving players will be added to the bottom of the line-up. During Innings 1 through 4, there will be a 12-batter limit
21. Major 11-12 League will use nine (9) defensive players.
22. Each team must have a minimum of eight players to begin the game. Each team has until the scheduled start time to fill the roster. Late arriving players will be added to the bottom of the batting order, once revolved order-cannot enter. A forfeit will be recorded if a team does not meet the minimum number of players. If game is forfeited, umpires will be dismissed. Game time is from scheduled start time.
23. Coaches must coach from the dugout and not from the field of play when on defense. When a team is batting, only adult coaches are allowed in the coach's boxes on the first and third base side.
- 24. Each pitcher will be allowed to throw no more than 75 pitches in a game, three (3) consecutive innings or nine (9) consecutive outs and a maximum of six (6) innings during any seven (7) day period. Once a player has been removed from the pitcher's position, he is not permitted to pitch again during that particular game. A pitcher must be removed after a coach meets with the pitcher for the second time in an inning.**
25. No pitcher is permitted to use any substance on the game ball that may change the flight characteristics on the ball.
26. A pitcher must be replaced after he has hit three batters in one game. The umpire should issue a warning after the second hit batter. Coaches to advice umpires.
27. Any player who is warming up a pitcher must wear a face mask.
28. Pitchers are not permitted to wear sunglasses, batter's gloves, ear/finger rings, or any other type of jewelry (seen or unseen) while on the mound. (Same rule enforces as rule #16
29. A new pitcher is allowed eight (8) warm up pitches at the beginning of an inning. A returning pitcher is allowed five (5) warm up pitches at the beginning of an inning.
30. Balks by pitchers will be called. Two (2) warnings will be given per pitcher, on the third warning, runners will advance one base.
31. Intentional walks are not permitted.
32. If a player misses an at-bat, an out will be recorded. Major League Baseball Rules apply for batting out of order.
33. If a player must leave the game due to injury or illness, his batting order position on the first rotation will be an automatic out, after that batting position is moved forward and no additional out will be recorded.
34. There shall be LEAD-OFFS in the Major 11-12 League.
35. When a pitcher's foot is on the rubber while holding the ball, no base runner may advance; otherwise the ball is always live.
36. Base Stealing is permitted but not until the ball crosses home plate. No base runner may attempt to steal home plate for safety reasons. A base runner may attempt a steal of a base other than home after the pitcher begins his delivery. If a base runner attempts to steal home plate, the umpire will automatically call him out. When a team is winning by 10 or more runs; base running is not permitted unless the lead drops under the 10 runs.
37. The infield fly rule will be called in the appropriate situation by the umpire. Infield Fly Rule: Less than 2 outs and 1st and 2nd or bases loaded. (Must be a force out possibility)
38. Players should avoid contact at all times when base running. Headfirst sliding is not allowed except to return to previously occupied base. Headfirst sliding on advancement is an automatic out.
39. Obstruction by a player will be called by the umpire, per Major League Baseball Rules.
40. Each Major 11-12 team will have a BENCH COACH. The bench coach will assist with the batting order and field positions and help maintain bench discipline.
41. MANDATORY- No Exceptions: Any player playing in the catcher's position must wear a protective cup.
42. Batters and base runners must wear a batting helmet at all times while on the playing field.

43. If a catcher is on base as a runner with two outs, he may be removed for a pinch runner. The pinch runner will be the batter who made the second out. If that batter is the pitcher, then the pinch runner will be the batter that made the first out.
44. Players and coaches may not wear metal spikes. **THIS IS A SAFETY FACTOR.** The 1st offense: remove cleats and immediate commissioner notification. 2nd offense: 2 game suspension with notification. 3rd offense: discipline board review and possible season ejection.
45. Any player who purposely throws any piece of equipment should be given a verbal warning. If the player commits a second offense, he/she will be removed from the game. If the offense occurs in the last inning of a game, the player will not be permitted to play in the next scheduled game.
46. No player is permitted to berate or use any verbal sounds to disturb the opposing players. Example: Base runners clapping, or players saying "batter, batter...swing" or "he is an easy out", this will not be tolerated.
47. No player, coach, parent or another person shall verbally abuse, berate, swear, or intimidate any player, coach, parent or person. **THIS TYPE OF BEHAVIOR SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM THE FIELD.**
48. Any coach or player who has been ejected from a game will be suspended from all Major 11-12 League play for the next seven days. Any coach or player ejected a second time from a game will be suspended from all MYBA play for the remainder of the season. The second suspension will include regular season games and post-season tournaments for all leagues with which the player or coach may be involved.
49. If a coach, player, parent or person has been removed from a game, the board's approval may be required before that individual is permitted to attend or be involved with a future game or practice. Head coaches must report all occurrences to the Major 11-12 League Commissioner.
50. If your team is short players, you are allowed to "call up" a player from the Minor 9-10 League with both league commissioner's approval and advance notice is needed. The "call up" players must be placed at the bottom of the batting order; neither play the pitcher or catcher positions, and preferably plays the outfield positions. The team must have at least 7 of their own players and no more than two (2) "call up" players. This is only for the regular season and not permitted in the playoffs.
51. Players are not allowed to swing a bat unless they are on the on-deck circle. This is to prevent injury in the bench or dugout area.
52. All MYBA Coaches are required to get a designated background check. No parent or coach may be in the dugout, coaching, or running a practice without the back-ground check being sub-mitted and approved by MYBA.
53. The year-end tournament is single elimination tournament and usually takes place the week after the season is completed.
 - See Major League Rules Review at the end of Major 11-12 League Rules.

Protests

**** GAMES CAN BE PROTESTED.** Protest shall be considered only when based on the violation or interpretation of a playing rule, use of an ineligible pitcher or the use on an ineligible player. No protest on a decision involving umpire's Judgment (balls, strikes, outs, etc.). Providing it is done in a proper APPEAL procedure. In order to appeal on a play, it **MUST** be done prior to the next pitch, **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Protesting Manager must stay in the dugout until permission of time out by the umpire. **(ALL OTHER COACHES WILL REMAIN IN THE DUGOUT).** At that time notify umpires the game is being played under protest for intention of an appeal. Provided umpire with detailed account and must quote rule number and rule. Protesting Manager needs to get score book signed by the opposing Manager and all umpires officiating the game. If opposing Manager refuses to sign score book that will indicate yielding to the appeal. The appeal will be submitted with \$30 to the APPEAL Board for review with the appropriate PROTEST FORM. The Board will consist of no less than 3 and no more than 5 appointed MYBA persons, and will not be an even number. If protesting manager wins the appeal, the \$30 will be returned.

POST SEASON

- The yearend tournament will be single elimination and usually begins the week after the regular season is completed.
- Championship game will be identical formats and be played per regular season rules (pending any addendums/rule updates that are agreed to by MYBA Board) with the exception that 7 full innings will be played or a team is up 20 runs after an inning (Surrender Rule, rule #10). Weather should only postpone the completion of a game.
- Post season seeding will be ranked based on records of wins over losses. Any ties will be based on TOTAL WINS, not percentages. Any ties will be broken in the following order:
 - ⊖ Head to Head winner
 - ⊖ Best Conference record
 - ⊖ Flip of coin by league commissioner
- “Call Up” players are not permitted in the post season.

FIELD SET UP AND MAINTENANCE

- A. Home team will occupy the third base dugout or bench.
- B. Bases will be set at 70 feet. The pitcher mound will be set at 50 feet 6 inches away from home plate.
- C. Hollywood bases and a base anchor dig-out tool will be stored in the jobboxes.
- D. Each team will be given an equal amount of practice time on the field before the game starts.
- E. Dugouts/bench area will be cleaned of all debris after each game.
- F. Player and fans shall not climb the fences nor sit on the jobboxes.
- G. If no umpires have shown up to work a scheduled game within ten minutes after the scheduled start time, each team will appoint one coach to umpire. That designated coach/plate umpire must work from a position behind the pitcher. The home team coach/umpire calls balls and strikes for innings 1, 3, and 5. The visiting team coach/umpire calls balls and strikes for innings 2, 4, and 6, as needed.
- H. If there is a second game scheduled on the same field, the teams playing the earlier game should remove themselves from the dugout/bench area as quickly as possible. Any post-game meetings should be held away from the playing field.
- I. Occasionally the field might need additional work before a scheduled game. Each team should have a group of parents willing to assist with field preparation.
- J. City of Medina employees are not permitted to work on any Medina City School properties until school has been dismissed for the summer.
- K. There might not be field prep performed on the weekends.
- L. Coaches should make every attempt to be at the field no less than 30 minutes prior to their scheduled time. If there has been inclement weather, the coaches should check the fields at least one hour prior to game time. If additional field prep is warranted, a volunteer ground crew will still have time to get this accomplished before the scheduled start, if a crew is available. Every reasonable effort should be attempted to complete each game on its assigned date and time.
- M. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT PERMITTED at any MYBA endorsed game.
- N. MYBA has a “NO SMOKING” policy near players, benches and grandstand areas during practices and games.
- O. Any desired schedule changes shall be requested from the league commissioner. He should be contacted as soon as possible to ensure that the particular games can be rescheduled.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF HEAD COACH

- I. Coaches are to submit via email, all assistant coaches' e-mail, phone info, for immediate team contact for the purpose of communication in the absence of the head coach. This will be submitted before the season begins and will be forwarded to the league commissioner.
- II. Coaches are to check the MYBA website for any schedule changes or re-schedules of games due to weather. Also, to check with the update of MYBA hotline as progressing weather of any cancellations. The MYBA hotline number is 330-725-6488(MITT).
- III. During games, all coaches should wear the shirts that have been provided by MYBA.
- IV. Coaches are expected to instruct the game of baseball, teach and advise players regarding outs, and to Maintain a good atmosphere on the ball field.
- V. Only coaches (with approved background checks) and players are allowed in the dugout/bench area.
- VI. Each Head Coach will be given keys to the jobboxes located at their particular field of play. No one is allowed to make copies of any MYBA-provided keys. Any loss of keys should be reported to the League Commissioner. Each coach will ensure the boxes have been locked before leaving the field.
- VII. Players' siblings, friends and parents are not allowed in the dugout.
- VIII. Game results and umpire judgment calls cannot be protested. Each Head Coach has the right to file a complaint and the MYBA Board Members will address any actions that might need to be taken.
- IX. The majority of calls made by umpires are considered Judgment Calls. These calls cannot be argued or protested.
- X. Any complaints regarding umpires will require the proper procedure and form to be submitted to the Director of Umpires and will be reviewed. The "MURF" form can be found on the website under "Front Office/Documents".
- XI. An Incident Report must be filled out by a coach detailing any injuries sustained by any player, coach, or spectator. The report may be used to document any other type of incident the Head Coach may deem necessary. The completed report must be forwarded to the Minor 9-10 League Commissioner within 24 hours of the occurrence.
- XII. Both head Coaches need to contact the league commissioner within 24 hours with the game results during the regular season and immediately after a playoff game. Head Coaches can forward any information regarding a player of the week with detailed stats to the Minor 9-10 League Commissioner
- XIII. Once the season has been completed, all head coaches will return any equipment, including jobbox keys, to the League Commissioner within forty-eight hours after their team's last game.
- XIV. Once the season has been completed, head coaches will return any equipment, including jobbox keys, to the Minor 9-10 League Commissioner or the MYBA Equipment Manager.

Head Coaches Objectives

- i. Medina Youth Baseball is an instructional league; all Coaches have the duty to instruct all players about the basic fundamentals of baseball.
- ii. Medina Youth Baseball believes in all players having fun playing the game of baseball and insuring that each player has been given the opportunity to improve his/her playing abilities.
- iii. Each head Coach should teach fair sportsmanship through example and discussion with the players.
- iv. Each Coach should instruct proper fielding, batting, and throwing techniques, as well as proper defensive positioning.
- v. Heckling or berating of the opposing teams' players is not allowed.
- vi. Players should learn that it is more important to play to the best of their ability during each game, not recording wins or losses.

Please contact the Major 11-12 League Commissioner for clarification of any league rule.

Recreation baseball games cannot be protested. Please contact the League Commissioner or Director of Recreation Baseball for any issues that may arise or questions that you may have.

Major League Rules Review

Rule #31. MISSED AT-BAT RULE--MLB Rule 6.07

(a) A batter shall be called out, on appeal, when he fails to bat in his proper turn, and another batter completes a time at bat in his place.

(1) The proper batter may take his place in the batter's box at any time before the improper batter becomes a runner or is put out, and any balls or strikes shall be counted in the proper batter's time at bat.

(b) When an improper batter becomes a runner or is put out, and the defensive team appeals to the umpire before the first pitch to the next batter of either team, or before any play or attempted play, the umpire shall (1) declare the proper batter out; and (2) nullify an advance or score made because of a ball batted by the improper batter's advance to first base on a hit, an error, a base on balls, a hit batter or otherwise.

Note: If a runner advances, while the improper batter is at bat, on a stolen base, balk, wild pitch or passed ball, such advance is legal.

(c) When an improper batter becomes a runner or is put out, and a pitch is made to the next batter of either team before an appeal is made, the improper batter thereby becomes the proper batter, and the results of his time at bat become legal.

(d)(1) When the proper batter is called out because he has failed to bat in turn, the next batter shall be the batter whose name follows that of the proper batter thus called out; (2) when an improper batter becomes a proper batter because no appeal is made before the next pitch, the next batter shall be the batter whose name follows that of such legalized batter, or before any play or attempted play, that improper batter is considered to have batted in proper turn and establishes the order that is to follow.

OBSTRUCTION---MLB RULE 7.06

When obstruction occurs, the umpire shall call or signal "obstruction."

(a) If a play is being made on the obstructed runner, or if the batter-runner is obstructed before he touches first base, the ball is dead and the runners shall advance, without liability to be put out, to the bases they would have reached, in the umpire's judgment, if there had been no obstruction. The obstructed runner shall be awarded at least one base beyond the base he had last legally touched before the obstruction. Any preceding runners, forced to advance by the award of bases as the penalty for obstruction, shall advance without liability to be put out.

(b) If no play is being made on the obstructed runner, the play shall proceed until no further action is possible. The umpire shall then call "Time" and impose such penalties, if any, as in his judgment will nullify the act of obstruction.