



Medina Youth Baseball Association, Inc.

Senior 15-18 League Rules

The purpose of the Medina Senior 15-18 League is to provide enjoyable recreational baseball for boys 15 to 18 years of age whose birthdates are between the designated dates listed on the annual Official MYBA registration form.

Good sportsmanship and even competition is of utmost importance for this league to continue in future years. With these goals in mind, the following league-specific rules will apply.

General Rules

1. The league is still an instructional league. All coaches should continue to teach fair sportsmanship, basic baseball fundamentals and proper equipment handling.
2. Each Team supplies one game ball, which will be provided by the commissioner before the season starts. The game balls are given to the Umpire in Charge.
3. Each team will play seven (7) inning games. Four (4) completed innings will count as an official game. Extra innings will be played if needed and field time permits.
4. No inning will begin play after 2 hours and 15 minutes from the START TIME of the game. The only way that a game will not start at the START TIME is due to a delay because of weather (rain, lightning, hail, thunder, etc.). Games may extend beyond the 2 hours and 15 minutes from the scheduled start only if the field is available and both managers & umpires are in agreement.
5. All games shall be immediately suspended at any sight of lightning by MYBA Board Official/Umpires Coaches and players must exit the playing field. Lightning sightings suspend game restart by 30 minutes. (Game time will end per original start time restrictions).
6. It is felt that players in this age group want to play full games, and sometimes lop-sided games allow opportunities for players to experience time at positions that they might not typically play. Therefore, there is no official Mercy Rule in this league. However, lop-sided games may be truncated after four (4) innings if there is at least a 12-run score differential and the coach of the losing team wishes to terminate the game. Otherwise, the game will continue for the allowed 2 hours and 15 minutes.
7. The League Commissioner is responsible for rescheduling any uncompleted games due to weather. Field availability will be obtained from the MYBA League Office. Arrangement for umpires shall be made directly with the appropriate designated Director of Umpires.
8. Both teams shall have an official scorekeeper.
9. During the regular season, teams can end with a TIE SCORE and that score will be submitted. Winning coaches should submit final scores to the commissioner so that the league standings can be updated on the Medina Youth Baseball Association web site www.medinayouthbaseball.com.
10. A team must have eight (8) players or they will forfeit. The team will have ten (10) minutes from the SCHEDULED START TIME to fill the roster and then that player will be added to the bottom of the batting



order. Late players must be added to the bottom of the batting line up. See SPECIAL RULES for GUEST PLAYERS.

11. No player will be permitted to berate or use any verbal sounds to disturb an opposing player.

12. Any coach or player that has been ejected from a game will be suspended from all league play for the next game. This will include both regular season and post-season tournaments.

Each suspension will be reviewed with the umpires by the League Commissioner and the League Disciplinary Committee for any additional action. This Committee will also review any appeals by the suspended individual.

11. All coaches will adopt a "NO TOBACCO PRODUCTS" policy near players, benches and Grand stand areas during practices and games.

12. No coach is permitted to change the season schedule. Only the League Commissioner or his designated representative can make changes or adjustments to the schedule.

13. All games shall be immediately suspended at any sight of lightning by MYBA Board Official/Umpire. Coaches and players must exit the playing field. Lightning sightings suspend game restart by 30 minutes.

14. Teams may not have more than 2 high school and 2 travel players allowed on a team. Players must play 50% of regular season games to be able to participate in post season.

Game Rules

1. Pitchers are permitted to pitch four consecutive innings or twelve outs per game with a maximum of 12 innings per week. A week is Monday - Sunday. Once a pitcher comes out of the game, he is not permitted to pitch again during the same game. There is no penalty for a pitcher going over total outs or innings because of a double or triple play. However, he is not able to throw another pitch.

2. Pitchers will receive one (1) balk warning per pitcher per game.

3. Every player shall be entered in the batting order. There are no changes to the batting order once the game has begun. Late players must be added to the bottom of the line-up. If a player must leave during the game, the Head Coach shall inform the opposing coach of the player's departure. The player shall be removed from the batting order, and the remainder of the batting order shall remain as presented at the pre-game meeting. No automatic out shall be assessed the next time through the order. (First time player's bat position comes up, an out will be recorded, after first no other out). Please note that the reasons for the player's departure must be legitimate (i.e. go to work, family commitment, etc.). Coaches may not use this rule as an opportunity to improve the lineup. Player may not re-enter the game once removed.

4. Each player shall play a minimum of four (4) innings in the field for any 7-inning game. No player sits more than one consecutive inning at a time, no more than two innings in a game.

However, a player's playing time may be limited because of discipline problems or injuries and will be indicated as such at the start of a game when rosters are exchanged.

5. If a catcher is on base with two outs, he must be removed for a pinch runner. The pinch runner will be the batter who made the 2nd out. If that batter were the pitcher, then it would be the batter who made the next to last out.

6. Players must avoid any malicious contact always when base running. Sliding head first is permitted in Senior 15-18.



7. Metal Spikes are permitted.

8. The bat differential must be minus three (-3).

9. Guest Player Rule: Boys in this age group have many activities (employment, summer camps, school activities, etc.) that will conflict with their involvement in this league. In the official game rules, eight (8) players must be present at a game to avoid a forfeit. The intention of this league is to avoid forfeits by allowing legal guest players to fill out a depleted roster. Guest players shall conform to the following rules:

- a. Only officially rostered MYBA Senior League 15-18 players may be considered as guest players.
- b. A maximum of three (3) guest players may be obtained for a given game. Each player must gain approval from his own coach and his parents/guardians prior to acting as a guest player.
- c. The maximum roster size, consisting of regular players plus guest players, may not exceed ten
- d. A guest player shall not be used from the opposing team at a given game. Guest players may also, not be taken from a team that is scheduled to play at the same time.
EXAMPLE: If a player's official team is scheduled to play on Wednesday, May 28 at 6:00 pm, that player may not act as a guest player for another team that is also playing at another location on Wednesday, May 28 at 6:00 pm.
- e. Guest players may not play the pitcher or catcher positions.
- f. Guest players shall be entered at the bottom of the batting order after the team's rostered players.
- g. Guest players shall not start if nine (9) or more roster players are available.
- h. Guest players shall be identified to the opposing coach and the umpires at the pregame meeting. Guest players shall also wear their original team's uniform (making them easy to identify to the opposing team).

10. Players will not wear earrings, finger rings, watches or any other form of jewelry (seen or unseen), while on the playing field or in dugouts, during practices or games. First offense: Warning. Second offense: Player will be ejected from the game and each time player's turn at bat, an automatic out will be recorded.

11. Players will wear MYBA uniform provided or in some cases due to uniform issue after registrant submitted size, player will wear same colors as to match designated uniform.

Umpire Rules

1. The Umpire in Charge has the right to call or suspend a game due to weather. If there is any lightning all players will be removed from the field immediately.

2. The Umpire in Charge will declare a game a forfeit due to lack of players.

3. The Umpire in Charge has the right to eject any player, coach, parent or person for conduct reasons. Conduct reasons would include foul language, any physical contact with an Umpire, player, coach, parent of person and any failure to heed an umpire's previous warning.

Coach Ejection:

As an initial action, the Umpire will warn the coach and restrict him to the dugout area. If poor conduct persists, the Umpire will eject the coach. Upon ejection, the coach must leave the field. The coach will also, be suspended from the next regularly scheduled game.

Post-Season, Single-Elimination Tournament



At the completion of the regular season, each team will participate in the post-season tournament. This tournament will use a single elimination format. A blind-draw process will be used to determine seeding for the tournament. Guest players may not be used for this tournament, and eight (8) players minimum must be present to avoid a forfeit. Commissioner may use discretion with Director/Board authorization regarding any other format.

"Managers are required to represent Team at the required Senior 15-18 League meeting that will take place prior to the 1st post-season play (example: All-Star break), which the Commissioner and/or Director of Rec Ball to be also present. Now, any addendums/updates will be discussed and agreed.

"Championship game or games will be identical formats and be played per regular season rules (pending any addendums/updates agreed prior to post-season play) with the exception that full 7 innings will be played or SURRENDER RULE presides. Weather should only postpone the completion of the game

"Coaches are to submit via e-mail, the 1st assistant, other assistant coaches' e-mail/phone information for immediate team contact for communication in the absence of the head coach. This will be submitted by the 1st week of games and will be forwarded to the commissioner.

"Coaches are to check at website for any schedule changes or re-schedules of games due to weather. Also, to check with the update MYBA hotline as progressing weather for any cancellations.

Please contact the Senior 15-18 League Commissioner for clarification of any league rule.

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 of 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. 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 lime notify umpires the game is being played under protest for intention of an appeal. Provide umpire with detailed account and must quote rule number and rule. Protesting Manager 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.

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 no more than 5 appointed MYBA person panel and will not be in even number. If protesting manager wins the appeal, \$30 will be refunded.

PLEASE CONTACT THE SENIOR 15-18 LEAGUE COMMISSIONER.