

# TRI-CITY RULES

**RULES** - Current WIAA baseball rules will govern the Tri-City baseball leagues, with the exceptions of the Tri – City rules listed herein.

**1. PITCHING**

No pitcher may pitch more than 4 innings in one day, 7 innings for the week (Sunday-Saturday). No player may pitch more than a total of 7 innings within a period of 3 consecutive days. These are maximum limits for pitchers and it is expected that all coaches will use good judgment.

**\*NOTE:** 3 outs shall constitute an inning, 2 outs is two-thirds an inning and one out is one-third an inning. When a pitcher throws one pitch beyond the pitching limitations, he is guilty of violation. And the penalty shall be forfeiture of the game. (Penalty will not be imposed if a pitcher's allowance is exceeded because of a double-play or a triple-play.

\* Players may make only one appearance per game as a pitcher.

\* Tournament play will have the same rules as league play

**2. LEAGUE FORMATS** – League formats will be determined by the Tri-City administrators, at the preseason meetings. Attempts will be made to provide a 12 – game regular season schedule. Following the regular season league tournaments will be held involving the top teams to determine the league championship.

**3. LEAGUE FEES** – All finances will be handled by the local sponsoring groups.

**4. FIELD SIZE** – The Sandy Koufax division will use a down-sized field. Pitching distance is 54 ft. Distance between bases is 80 ft.

**5. BAT SPECIFICATIONS** –

Length: shall not exceed 36”

Diameter: at the thickest part shall not exceed 2 3/4”

Weight: The differential between the length of the bat and weight of the bat cannot be more than 10 for Sandy Koufax (-10).

**6. INSURANCE** – Each community will handle the insurance needs of their teams.

**7. LEAGUE ROSTERS** – Each team must submit a league roster with names, addresses, phone number and birth dates of each player and coaches information, no later than **May 7, 2018**. Additions to the rosters must be approved by the league director, and submitted no later than **June 4, 2018**.

**\*\* NOTE:** Players must be 14 years or younger to play Sandy Koufax as of May 1, 2018.

**8. ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO USE** - The use or sale of alcohol or tobacco products is prohibited at all Tri-City League games.

**9. METAL SPIKES** – Metal spikes are not allowed in the Sandy Koufax league.

**10. FORFEIT RULE** – A 20 minute grace period will be given before the game is forfeited. If a team gets a late travel start, a call should be made to inform the home team of a possible delay in starting the game.

11. **LENGTH OF GAME-** Games will consist of 7 innings. No game will be scheduled to start after 6pm unless lights are available. There is a 2 hour time limit on all games. No new inning will begin after the 2 hour time limit is reached unless the game is tied. In this case the game will continue until a winner is determined. 4 complete innings constitutes a complete game if it is ended due to the time limit, darkness, or adverse weather. Games cannot end in a tie. If a game is tied after 4 complete innings and is ended due to the time limit, darkness, or adverse weather in the middle of an inning the score will revert back to the last complete inning. If it remains tied at that point it will be completed at another time. If a game is cancelled due to adverse weather before 4 innings are completed, the game must be rescheduled and started from the point of interruption.
12. **RAIN CANCELLATION POLICY** - The home team should contact the opposing team coach and league office 1 ½ hours prior to the scheduled game time.
13. **MAKE UPS & RESCHEDULING** – If a game cancellation occurs, arrangements for rescheduling the game should be completed within 2 days of the cancellation. Coaches rescheduling a game will only do so at the agreement of the opposing coach and league office (field availability and umpires) with a date that is agreeable to all involved. Coaches canceling for any other reason other than a rainout will forfeit the game.
14. **MINIMUM TO START A GAME** –Teams must field 9 players to start and 8 players to continue a game.
15. **BATTING ORDER** – Sandy Koufax league will include all players in attendance for the game. After the game begins the batting order numbers must remain the same with the following exceptions:
- If a batter is injured and there is no substitute available to fill his spot in the batting order, that spot may be dropped from the order.
  - If a player is ejected from the game, his spot in the batting order will result in an automatic out unless there is a substitute available.
  - The designated hitter will not be used.
16. **RE-ENTRY RULE** – Any starters or substitutes may withdraw and re-enter with no limits provided such player **occupies the same batting order position.**
17. **RUN RULE** – Games consist of 7 innings. If however a team is leading by 12 runs or more after 5 innings the game will be discontinued and considered complete.
18. **UMPIRES** –Any umpire must be at least 16 years old. In the event that only one umpire is available, the game will be played. An adult volunteer may be used as the second umpire.
19. **LEAGUE TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES** –
- Two teams tied:**
1. head to head results
  2. fewest runs allowed in head to head games
- Three or more teams tied:**
1. Head to head results of all games played between tied teams
  2. Fewest runs allowed in all games played between tied teams
  3. If a tie remains after all of these scenarios a coin flip will break the tie