



## **AnJo BASEBALL RULES** **National Division**

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1. **No catcher is permitted to take his position during the game without full equipment. This rule must not be violated. This includes warm-ups. Full equipment includes throat protector and cup. Managers are responsible to check for cups.**
2. **PITCHING**
  - A. Each AnJo NATIONAL Division pitcher is eligible to pitch a maximum of 9 innings in a week.
  - B. **Each AnJo National Division pitcher is eligible to pitch a maximum of 4 innings per game.**
  - C. Once a pitcher is removed from the game he/she cannot return as a pitcher.  
**A forfeit will result if this rule is broken.**
  - D. **If a pitcher hits three (3) batters in a game, he/she will be replaced immediately**
3. **E H (Extra Hitter).**
  - A. The EH is a position in the line up and the game. The EH does not have to bat in the #10 spot in the order.

B. You do not have to use the EH. If you start the game batting 9 You can not at any time during the game bat a #10 roster spot. You must inform other team before the first pitch, if you are batting 9.

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4. Player Substitution.

A. Any Player that shows and is in proper uniform for that game must play atleast 2- innings and have 1- at bat, in that 7 inning game.

**B. NO PLAYER SHALL BE MOVED IN THE BATTING ORDER.AFTER THEIR 1<sup>ST</sup> AT BAT.**

This means a player removed from the game and then is reinserted MUST bat in the position they first occupied in the batting order. (Example. A player that bats #7 and is removed from the game can go back into the game but still must bat in the #7 position). **A forfeit will result if this rule is**

**Broken.**

C. Teams must have at least eight players at the start of the game. If a team is short they must contact the league VP for American Division call-ups in order to attempt to have at least nine players. If a player gets sick or is injured and can no longer play, the spot will not constitute an out in the batting order. An out will be taken for all other situations.

5. Pinch Runner.

A. Each team is allowed 2 pinch runners per game. The pinch runner must be the last batted out in the game.

6. Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike.

A. Batter that moves more than 3 feet toward the dug out 1<sup>st</sup> before making a attempt to advance to 1<sup>st</sup> base is out .

Please be advised that these are specific rules I want to bring to your attention. In all other instances MLB Rules apply.

**PLAY OFFS : THE HOME TEAM MUST COMPLETE THE 4<sup>th</sup> INNING AT BAT TO BE A COMPLETE GAME. IF THE GAME IS POSTPONED BEFORE THE HOME TEAM HAS 3 OUTS IN THE 4<sup>th</sup> THE GAME WILL BE CALLED AND STARTED ANEW THE FOLLOWING DAY OR NEXT AVAILABE DATE .**

**AnJo Baseball General League Rules**

*Play Hard, Have Fun!*

The following rules are to be read by all the managers before the season starts. It is the managers' responsibility to be sure the rules are understood and carried out.

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## 1. SPORTSMANSHIP

- A. Fair play and good sportsmanship are main objectives.
- B. Fighting or abusive language will not be tolerated by players, coaches or team parents.
- C. Smoking is *prohibited* at New Era Fields at An/Jo Park and Sports Complex.**
- D. Players not participating will remain on the bench at all times.
- E. Only players, managers, batboys, coaches, and scorekeepers will be allowed on the bench.
- F. All managers will conduct themselves as gentlemen and good sports, setting a good example for the players. Please respectfully discuss any issues during the game with the umpire and opposing coach in a responsible manner.
  - a. NOTE: All managers and coaches will wear Team Jersey or AnJo wear during the games.**
- G. Any spectators or players who harass players or disrupt the ball game will be ejected by request of managers, the umpire in charge of the game, or the park attendant.
- H. Alcoholic beverages on ball fields before, during, or immediately following games or practices are strictly prohibited by managers, coaches, players, or parents. This rule will be in effect on all baseball diamonds that the An/Jo Baseball League participates on. The manager of each team is responsible for enforcing this rule. Any violation of this rule will be subject to dismissal of the manager in question.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

- A. Age, National Division-eligible players between the ages of 11 and 13 years of age.
- B. Players and parents (guardians) must have signed, completed and paid registration form before practice commences.
- C. All players must have their age verified by birth certificate or baptismal records. Any falsification of age will terminate playing in the An/Jo Baseball League and result in a forfeit loss of all games the offending player participated in.
- D. All fees must be paid by the first week of practice at the latest.
- E. Please make players and parents responsible for respecting the team and coach by contacting the coach if they are not able to attend a game or practice. Encourage the players to let coaches know in advance

when they are not available for a game.

- F. If a manager questions the eligibility of a player from an opposing team, he must enter a protest with the Board of Directors. Teams using ineligible players will forfeit all games the player in question participated in.
- G. No player can be added to a team roster after the season commences without Board approval

### 3. EQUIPMENT

- A. All managers will sign for equipment at the beginning of the season, and will be responsible at the close of the season that such equipment will be turned in at the designated date set by the Board of Directors. All baseballs must be turned in with the equipment.
- B. No catcher is permitted to take his position during the game without full equipment. This rule must not be violated. This includes warm-ups. Full equipment includes helmet and cup.**
- C. All players must wear full uniforms. Players must wear helmets when batting and when playing the position of pitcher. Players must use regulation gloves according to the position played. Failure to wear the proper uniform will exempt players from participating without the approval of the managers.
  - a. NOTE- *This rule cannot be protested.* A minimum of shirt, pants, and hat should be worn. It is the responsibility of the managers to make sure that players are attired in the proper uniform.
- D. Pitchers must wear batting helmets when warming up prior to the start of each inning.**
- E. The umpire will pick up 2 baseballs before the game. At the conclusion of the game each coach will award one of the game balls to a player on their team.
- F. A bat cannot be greater than -13 to be legal (ie, A 31inch, 19oz bat is legal, as a 31inch, 18 oz bat). Composite barrel bats cannot be utilized. Composite handles with aluminum barrels are legal. All BBCOR -3 bats are legal including composite and aluminum, **No exceptions.** The umpire can call the offender out and kick him out of the game for the violation.

### 6. GENERAL

#### **THESE RULES APPLY TO BOTH REGULAR SEASON GAMES AND PLAYOFF GAMES.**

- A. All games will be played 7 innings in the **National** Division therefore 4 full innings constitutes a ball game. Home team does not have to bat if they are leading in the bottom half of the 7th inning in the **National** Division.
- B. No new innings may be started after 8:15 P.M or after 2 hours and 15 minutes for day games. Games are scheduled to begin at 6:00 P.M. and no later than 6:15 P.M. Failure to field a team within fifteen minutes of the scheduled start of the game will result in immediate forfeiture of the game.**

- C. Games must be played as scheduled. On all rained out games or postponements the game will be played at 5pm on the immediately following Sunday.
- D. Grounds crew in conjunction with the An/Jo Board Members will be responsible for calling off the games, if fields become unsuitable for playing. *A decision will be made in a timely fashion to contact the coaches who should in turn contact their team.*
- E. The manager or a responsible person shall keep the score book. All score books will be kept neat and legible. They will be inspected periodically by the Division Vice-President.
- F. All managers will be issued rules, write up sheets, and schedules are on the website!
- G. Once a pitcher is removed from the game he/she cannot return as a pitcher.
  - a. **A forfeit will result if this rule is broken.**
- H. No player under suspension by his/her manager for an infraction of team or league rules will sit out more than 1 game. The league reserves the right to suspend players for a period longer than two consecutive games depending on the seriousness of the infraction. Suspended player **MUST** attend the game in which they are suspended.
- I. **It is the responsibility of the team manager to insure the team is represented by themselves or a team representative, at each managers meeting.**