

1. Starting Times; Time Limits on Games

A. A 15 minute grace period will be allowed before a game can be considered forfeited.

B. Time limits on games are as follows:

Classes A & B – No inning to start after 2 1/2 hours

Classes C & D – No inning to start after 2 hours

Time limit is only enforced **if another game follows**, and then at the discretion of the umpire. The umpire must notify both managers at least one inning in advance before calling a game due to time.

C. Run Rule limits are as follows:

Class A - 8 runs after 5 innings (4 1/2 if home team is leading).

Class B - 10 runs after 4 innings (3 1/2 if home team is leading).

Classes C and D - 10 runs after 3 innings (2 1/2 if home team is leading).

2. Responsibilities of Managers

A. If there is any question as to whether a field is playable (before a game has begun) the home team manager will make the final decision.

B. Each team furnishes one new game ball and retains them following the game. Backup balls are provided by the home team.

C. The home team furnishes all bases used in the game.

D. The home team manager is responsible for checking for proper base and pitching distances.

E. Each team will be allowed the same amount of time for infield practice. **Neither team may take batting practice on the playing field prior to the game.**

F. Both managers must discuss the ground rules with the umpire prior to the start of the game.

G. It is the responsibility of each manager to control the conduct of his players and **spectators** following the team.

3. Protests

All protests, including eligibility, must be submitted to the Knothole District Supervisor, in writing, accompanied by a \$50.00 protest fee, within 24 hours of the completion of the game. If the protest is a rule violation, rule must be cited and rule number quoted.

4. Scheduled, Rained Out, and Suspended Games

- A. All games will be played on scheduled days and dates and on assigned fields.
- B. For games halted by rain or darkness:
 - 1. If less than three innings have been played and the game is not a run rule, the game will be replayed **from the beginning**.
 - 2. If at least three innings have been played and the game is not a run rule, the game is suspended and played from the point at which it ended.
- C. If the game is called prior to the start of the game because of rain or inclement weather:

The Home Team Manager is to contact the Visiting Team Manager **within 48 hours** and reschedule the game. The first choice for rescheduling the game is the Home Team's first available practice night.

If the Visiting Team Manager does not hear from the Home Team Manager within 48 hours, he is to contact the Home Team Manager **within 48 hours** to reschedule the game.

In the event the Managers cannot agree to a reschedule date, **one or both of them is to contact the Field Scheduler so that he can set a reschedule date.**

The game is to rescheduled within one week, not necessarily played with one week, but a makeup date scheduled.

In the event a game is not rescheduled before the end of the season, it shall count as a loss for **BOTH** teams.

5. PlayOffs - End of Season

- A. All ties for first and second place at the end of the season will be played off. Ties for other places will be played off only to determine entry into the City Tournament.
- B. If two teams are playing off a tie at the end of the season and the game is stopped for any reason, it will be completed from the point of stoppage.
- C. Players must play in at least 75% of a team's games in order to be eligible for the District and City Tournaments.
- D. Team rosters must be turned in to M.Adkins no later than June 1 in order for teams to be eligible for District and City Tournaments. Rosters should be in electronic format.

6. Umpires

Umpires will be scheduled by the District Supervisor or his representative.

7. Player Participation

All players are to play a minimum of two innings in the field (and hopefully get at least one at bat). Substitutions should be made no later than the next to last inning (4th inning for C and D, 5th inning for B, 6th inning for A) of the game.