

## MAJOR DIVISION LEAGUE RULES

1. A game is made up of six (6) innings. An official game if shortened due to darkness or rain, called at the discretion of the umpire, is four (4) innings, (three and a half innings if the home team is winning). If the game is called and is a complete game but ends in a tied, you revert back to the last full inning where there wasn't a tie and the team ahead will be declared the winner.
2. Pitchers are allowed no more than six (6) innings in a week Monday to Sunday. One pitch in an inning constitutes an inning pitched. Pitchers will use the wind-mill motion or modified. Pitcher can start with one or two feet on rubber. Pitching Rubber 40ft, Base distance 60ft.
3. Makeup games (league rule), you will revert back to the week of the scheduled game as far as pitching assignment and number of innings per week for the pitchers, **example:** *If on May 10th your team gets rained out, and on May 13th Betty pitches 2 inning, then when you make up the May 10th game Betty can only pitch 4 innings in that game, no other games will count against him for inning per week.* Reschedule makeup game as soon as possible so that you don't have a significant number of makeups at the end of the season, If a coach is not cooperative then contact division president.
4. Players must play at least three (3) full innings in the field. If a player gets less than three (3) innings in the field because game is shortened due to darkness or inclement weather, this player will get 3 innings the following game she plays in **plus** the innings she was shorted the game before.
5. Players will bat in a continuous lineup. All the players are in the lineup, but only ten players on the field (10th player is in the outfield).
6. Must Slide Rule:  
If a play is being made at any base and the ball beats the runner, then the runner must slide or attempt to get around the fielder. Fielder can not block the bases, but can block home plate if the ball has beaten the runner. If the runner does not slide then the runner is out.
7. Stealing is allowed after the ball crosses the plate, including home. Runner can only steal one base per player at bat.
8. Base Running: When the pitcher is in contact with the "Circle of Dirt" and in possession of the ball and the base runner shall not leave their bases until the ball has crossed the plate.
9. The maximum number of runs per inning, for the first five innings, is 6 runs.  
Any innings thereafter shall be unlimited runs.
10. Substitutions: **Any** of the players may be withdrawn and re-entered into the game, especially the less ability player, try to rotate the poorer ability players each inning (league rule).
11. Teams can play with as few as eight (8) players. Any less both coaches must agree to play, or reschedule. Batting team that has fewer than 9 batters will take an out when the missing player(s) were to bat.
12. Other rules will be taken from the Babe Ruth Softball Rules hand books.
13. Coaches & parents this is a recreational league and you are adults, it isn't the pros.

## SPECIAL LEAGUE POLICY

1. The **home team is responsible for passing the hat** for contributions. The money is to be dropped off that evening at the Dime Bank night drop (Drive Thru) on Church Street where it will be recorded. (deposit slip must be filled out completely).
2. Record the game summary on the Game Report and turn the top portion in at the Wayne Independent and the Secretary's Form to your Division Vice President.
3. Both teams will police up the entire field before leaving, this includes bleachers, dugouts etc..