

# 915 NE Baseball League Rules

## **16U and 18U Divisions**

915 NE baseball will play under the rules of the current year National Federation High School (NFHS) and Major League Baseball Official Rule Book. The following 915 NE Baseball League rules take precedence over NFHS and MLB rules. NFHS rules take precedence over MLB rules.

### **Official Game**

1. A game shall consist of a maximum time limit of 1 hour and 45 minutes or 6 innings (whichever comes first). No new inning begins within 5 minutes left on the clock. The home umpire is the official timekeeper. The home team is allowed to finish their last inning.
2. A game shall become official after four (4) innings have been completed or after 3-1/2 innings if the home team is ahead.
3. In the event of inclement weather or natural emergencies:
  - a. If the game is considered official the score at the last completed inning will be the final score.
  - b. If the game is not yet official, the game will be postponed and rescheduled to a later time and date. It will continue from the last official play and score. Teams must maintain the same lineup, including pitchers. Changes can be made after the first official play is completed.
  - c. If either team is unable to maintain the same lineup at the rescheduled time, it will result in a forfeit by such team.
4. Run Rule: Maximum 20 runs after 1 inning. 15 runs after 2 innings, 10 runs after 3 innings, 8 runs after 4 innings
5. A team may start a game with no less than 8 players; failure to field 8 players is cause for forfeit. The 9<sup>th</sup> position will be an out. If a player shows up after the game has started, the player can be added to the end of the line-up.
6. A team can list 9 players, 10 with an EH, or the whole roster in their game line-up. Line up must include full name and jersey number. Pitcher and catcher must be identified.

7. If the game is tied at the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> inning, with **more than 5** minutes left on the clock, only one complete extra inning will be played by using the Tie Breaker Rule.
8. Regular season games can end in a tie.
9. Tie Breaker Rule for league games, playoffs, and tournament bracket games: the last out of the previous inning goes to second (2<sup>nd</sup>) base. The same goes for the home team.
10. Grace periods can be allowed by league sports director.
11. The league will provide 3 base balls for each game. Teams are encouraged to retrieve foul balls or provide additional NFHS quality balls to the umpire.

### **General Playing Rules**

12. To intentionally walk a batter, no pitches need to be thrown. The coach or catcher needs to inform the umpires and point to first base.
13. Courtesy runners are allowed only for the pitcher or catcher.
14. Courtesy runners will be substitutes not in the batting line-up or, if batting entire roster, the last batter out.
15. Coaches should use safety and common sense when using your pitchers (they are young).
16. Kid pitch limits - Regular season, playoffs and tournament - Maximum of 110 pitches. If the pitch count is below 110, the pitcher is allowed to finish the batter (legal play) per day.
  - a. **Mandatory Rest Periods:**
    - i. **0-30 pitches:** 0 days rest.
    - ii. **31-45 pitches:** 1 day rest.
    - iii. **46-65 pitches:** 2 days rest.
    - iv. **66-85 pitches:** 3 days rest.
    - v. **86-110+ pitches:** 4 days rest.
17. A pitcher that hits more than 3 batters in a single inning must be removed from the mound. Or a total of 4 batters in the game.

18. Whenever a tag play is evident a runner must slide or seek to avoid contact with the fielder and/or catcher. No player shall attempt to jump, leap or dive over the fielder and/or catcher that has the ball or is attempting to field the ball to avoid the tag or to avoid contact. Failure to avoid contact will result in runner being called out.

19. The batter can bunt/slash.

### **Coaches**

20. Only the head coach will be allowed to approach the umpire to discuss a call. Anyone who repeatedly attempts to discuss calls with umpire that is not the head coach will be ejected.

21. On offense: 2 coaches are allowed on the field. Coaches must be in coaches' boxes on first and third base.

22. Anyone who is ejected from the game must leave the park to at least the parking lot. Waiting in the car is allowed, but they must not return to the field for the whole tournament.

23. The head coach is responsible for all players, coaches, and parents.

24. All coaches that will be in the dugout must submit proof of background check. City background checks or a letter from the Sheriff's office must be provided to the league.