

2026 Majors Rules



Each team must start with at least 8 players, may finish with less due to injuries. Late arriving players must be entered at the end of the lineup prior to the 1st inning.

No new innings can be started after 2 hours, no drop-dead time.

First 4 innings: 6 runs per inning. Unlimited runs top of the 5th inning. 10 run mercy rule in effect after 4th inning.

Each player must play at least 6 defensive outs. Team must hit entire roster and can turn the roster during an at-bat.

Balks will be called – each pitcher gets 1 warning.

Curve balls and breaking pitches are allowed.

3 HBP and pitchers must stop pitching, but may stay in game at another position.

Player may advance on dropped 3rd strike; umpire discretion if batter actively pursues 1st base.

Free substitutions, only the starting pitcher (if not removed from the game) can return to the mound.

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Automatic walks are allowed and DO count toward pitch count.

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Age	Max Pitches	1 Day Rest	2 Days Rest	3 Days Rest
9-10	75	1-40	41-65	66+
11-12	85	1-40	41-65	66+
13-15	95	1-45	46-75	76+

Fake Bunt-Slash Bunt - A batter is out for illegal actions when the player fakes a bunt and then takes a full swing, thus eliminating a player from fake bunting (slap hitting) the ball. Penalty: Batter is out, the ball is dead, and no runners may advance.

*All Divisions: Players may only play on their originally rostered team for the year-end tournament unless a change has approved by the UVCR Board.

*All Divisions: Runner at home plate or base intentionally and maliciously runs into defensive player in the area will be called out and ejected from the game; umpire discretion

*All Divisions: If any bat cannot be clearly identified for its make and model to determine the barrel composition, then the bat should be removed from the game. Only bats with USA stamp will be allowed and big barrels up to 2 5/8 inches are permitted. No BBCOR, USSSA, or 1.15 BPF bats are allowed.

Coach/Player/Fan that is ejected from the game must leave the park immediately. If the individual that is ejected refuses to leave the park, their team forfeits the game. The coach or player that was ejected will be suspended for their next game. Ejection is at the discretion of the umpire. The manager of the team has 24hrs to appeal an ejection to the league representative and rules committee.

AN APPEAL MUST BE MADE WITHIN 24 HOURS AND APPEAL IS MADE TO THE LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE/PLAYER AGENT, WHO WILL CONSULT THE RULES COMMITTEE AND/OR HEAD UMPIRE. NO APPEALS WILL BE HEARD ON JUDGEMENT CALLS BY AN UMPIRE. THE COACH MAKING THE APPEAL MUST MAKE THE APPEAL HEARD TO THE UMPIRE BEFORE THE NEXT PITCH IS THROWN AFTER THE PLAY IN QUESTION.

INFIELD FLY RULE IS IN EFFECT AND IS NOT AN APPEALABLE CALL.

COACHES AND HOME BOOK ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRACKING THEIR PITCH COUNTS. THE HOME BOOK MUST NOTIFY COACHES OF PITCH LIMITS BEFORE THEY ARE EXCEEDED.

ALL OTHER OFFICIAL LEAGUE RULES WILL BE ENFORCED