

# BLUE SPRINGS BASEBALL HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION RULES 2019

## TEAMS:

Interleague play will include teams from Eastern Jackson County.

## SCHEDULES AND DIRECTIONS TO PARKS:

BSB Webpage – [www.bluespringsbaseball.org](http://www.bluespringsbaseball.org)

## RAINOUT NUMBERS:

<b>FIELDS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>RAINOUT HOT LINE</b>	
Hidden Valley Park (HV1 & HV3)	Blue Springs	816-470-0105	option 2
Pink Hill (South)	Blue Springs	816-470-0105	option 7
Fort Osage (FO2)	Independence	816-470-0105	option 8
Webb Park (OG3)	Oak Grove	816-690-4003	option 2
Fairground Park	Higginsville	<a href="http://www.higginsvilleparksandrec.com">www.higginsvilleparksandrec.com</a>	

## GAME FORMAT:

- Games will be scheduled as Double Headers, unless field availability only allows for single games or a nine inning game.
- In Mid-Summer when the temperatures are extremely hot, managers may choose to agree on having one 9 inning game instead of the Double Header. (At plate meeting with umpires)
- Wood bats will be used during the first game of a Double Header, player's choice on bat use during the second game. (14U teams do not have to play wood bat first game, they may use the USSSA 1.15 bps drop 5 metal bats or wood bat during any games)

## RULES:

- BSB General Rules will be followed along with the age specific rules listed below.
- Teams will exchange line-ups with the opposing team before the start of the game.
- Home team will be the official scorekeeper for the game.
- Umpires will conduct a Managers meeting at home plate prior to the start of the game.
- Both teams will supply one new baseball at the start of each game. Then lightly used baseballs when needed.

## TIME LIMIT:

Double Header Games	1 hour 50 minutes or 7 innings
Single Games	1 hour 50 minutes or 7 innings
9 inning Games	2 hour 50 minutes or 9 innings

## SPREAD RULE & TIE BREAKER

- 10 runs after 5 innings
- Games may end in a tie.

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## **BATTING:**

- Wood, wood with composite handle, or bamboo bats are legal.
- Metal alloy, aluminum, or composite bats are legal. Must be BBCor -3 only. (14U teams may use USSSA 1.15 bps -5, BBCor-3, or wood bats during any games).
- Managers may bat 9, or 9 plus an EH, or they have the option to bat their entire lineup. If they choose to do bat their entire lineup, they must continue to bat their entire lineup for the entire game.
- If any player is injured/sick or has to leave (i.e. going to work) during a game, the lineup may be squeezed with no penalty.
- Teams may start with 7 players, no outs recorded for having less than 9 players at the start of a game. Players that arrive late may be added to the bottom of the original line up.

## **SAFETY:**

- Whenever a tag play is evident, (i.e. If a defensive player or catcher is in the process of receiving the ball or waiting with the ball at the base or home plate), the runner must slide or seek to avoid contact.
- A legal slide consists of a head first slide or a feet-first slide directly to the base/plate, or sliding around the defending player within reach of the base/plate, avoiding contact.
- A defensive player or catcher must not block, tag, i.e. "fake tag", or be in the base line in front of the base/plate without possession of the ball.
- A defensive player or catcher may only block, or be in the base line, in front of the base/plate waiting to receive the ball for an imminent tag play.

## **PITCHING:**

Manager's discretion.

## **COURTESY RUNNER:**

- Allowed for catcher or pitcher at any time.
- Courtesy runner must be a player not presently in the lineup.
- If you are batting the entire lineup, the courtesy runner must be the player who recorded the last batted out, unless that player is the pitcher or catcher. In that case, you move on to the player that recorded the previous batted out before that.

## **SUBS:**

- A sub would be considered a player not currently in the lineup.
- A sub may enter the game during defense or offense.
- Once the sub is removed from the game, he is done for that game.
- Only the starter can be entered back into the original lineup.
- Subs must be announced to the Umpires and Scorekeepers before entering the game.

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## **SAFE SPORTS ACT OF 2017**

- In compliance with the 2017 Safe Sport Act, which has set higher standards of care to protect youth, Blue Springs Baseball (BSB) has adopted a Child Abuse/Molestation Risk Management Program. (BSB Rule 8.A)
- In addition to submitting a background check, it is now required for all administrators and staff, 18 years of age and older, with access to youth - including directors, officers, coaches, assistant coaches, managers, concession workers, field maintenance, and umpires to complete the Abuse/Molestation Awareness Training. (BSB Rule 8.B)
- Individuals MUST have their League Credentials on their person while representing BSB in any capacity. (BSB Rule 8.C)
- Individuals that cannot produce their League Credentials when asked will not be able to perform their duties until such time they can present their League Credentials. (BSB Rule 8.D)
- Coaches who cannot present their League Credentials will be ejected from their current game. The Manager of the team will be required to serve a one game suspension for not ensuring all of their coaches and volunteers have their League Credentials. (BSB Rule 8.E)

## **SPORTSMANSHIP:**

- Managers and coaches shall keep their players under control at all times and confine them to the bench when applicable. (BSB Rule 5.A.11)
- No manager, umpire, coach, or player will be allowed to use profanity in addressing anyone. (BSB Rule 5.A.12)
- Only card-carrying managers or coaches of record may talk to and address the umpires during games. (BSB Rule 5.A.13)

**PLEASE REMEMBER:  
THE MANAGER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF  
THEIR COACHES, PLAYERS, AND FANS.**

**LET US ALL REPRESENT OUR COMMUNITIES AND  
LEAGUES WITH GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.**