

5.2.3 Local Rules – 15U and 17U

The following rules apply specifically to Monroe County Baseball Region league play

Only BBCOR -3 bats are allowed.

Using Subs: Use of a re-entry rule will be allowed for starters only

- 13u and older can wear metal cleats; (except wear restricted on turf fields; see turf field rules)(12u players playing up on a 13u and older team can wear metal)
- Use of an Additional Hitter (AH) with subs on the bench is allowed. The AH is optional. If the game is started without an AH one may not be added. If a game is started with an AH, the AH may not be removed from the batting order. The AH may move in and out defensively with any player except the pitcher.
- If a team chooses to bat all players, substitution is "free", except the pitcher, and no "re-entry" is necessary.
- If a team bats everyone and a player gets hurt (and they still have at least 9 players), it is not an out when the injured player's turn to bat comes back around. Conversely, if a team bats everyone and a player leaves the game voluntarily and uninjured or is ejected (same as uninjured) then it is an out when that player comes to bat.
- No DH allowed
- If a team has only 9 players playing, and a player is ejected, the game is over and the team who had the player ejected will forfeit the game because a team cannot play with less than 9 players.
- No playing at any point with less than 9 players. If a player is injured and no substitutes are available a player from the original lineup card that has been removed from the game can be re-inserted.
- A player ejected from the game must sit the next game that they attend. (No exceptions or appeals)

- Any coach or spectator ejected from a game will not be allowed to attend the next 2 games; nor be present at the field (No exceptions or appeals)
 - MCBR League President receives umpire reports for all ejections.
- For 13 Prep, 15U and 17U you must use a BBCOR -3 metal bat or wood bat. Same bat specifications as High school Federation.
- Players may NOT double roster. Use of Call ups allowed; but not call downs. Notify opponent and league president each time.
- Legal game for 15U and 17U is 5 innings. 4.5 innings if the home team is ahead.
- 10 run "mercy rule" is in effect after 5 innings (4.5 innings if the home team is ahead by 10 or more runs) and the game will be done and further play will not occur (umpire organizations are aware of this and will leave the field)
- Line ups will be tracked by the coaches only. Home team book takes precedent.
- No use of courtesy runners for any reason
- Balk rules will be HS Federation rules. (no warnings)
- There is no maximum roster size for any of the MCBR leagues.
- Intentional walks require pitching the ball until the batter receives 4 balls. No free walks.
- With runners on 1st and 3rd or 1st, 2nd or 3rd. a pitcher may fake a "pickoff" to 3rd base; this is not a balk.
- For 15U, 17U and 19U there is no warning for balks. They will be called immediately.
- Coaches visits to the mound shall follow major league rules. 1 per inning is allowed. 2 nd visit in the same inning and the pitcher must be replaced.
- Traditional 2-piece catcher's mask (facemask separate from helmet) is NO LONGER permissible in 15u and 17u. One-piece mask is always permitted as long as it has extending throat protection built in or extra dangle guard and ear protection; same as HFHS rule. USSSA rule now is: 10.05 The catcher shall wear a **dual ear-flap catcher's** helmet with mask.

- Time limits only apply to 15u Jeter and Clemente divisions starting FY 2021 the rule is no inning starts after 2hrs 15mins from first pitch. No time limits in 8u-12u and 15u Mantle and 17u.
- **Clarifying NFHS rule on time allowed between innings and warm up pitches. 1min for hitting team to get on the field and pitcher to get through warm up pitches and be on rubber ready to go....then 20seconds to deliver to first batter of inning. This has always been the rule; it is not new. If your team is taking too much time and players are unorganized and you are huddling after 3rd out to tell players where to go....don't be surprised when the umpire gives you a warning to speed it up. This is travel baseball and coaches are expected to be organized and teams trained to jog on and off the field.**
 - **NFHS - Rule 6-2-2**
Starting or Replacing Pitchers
 - ** 8 throws or 1 minute (whichever comes 1st)**
 - ** Continuing pitcher gets 5 throws or 1 minute (whichever comes 1st)**
 - ** Timed from the 3rd out of previous inning**