

2017 Freetown-Lakeville /Dighton Major League Rules

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1) Home team makes the call for rain/weather postponements. Home coach must call visitor ASAP.

2) Pitching Week Begins on **Monday and goes through Sunday.**

3) Regular Season Pitching Rules:

The Cal Ripken Baseball Pitch Count will be utilized.

10 year old counts are as follows:

1-40 pitches = 0 days rest

41-65 pitches = 1 day rest

66-75 pitches = 2 days rest

11-12 year old counts are as follows:

1-40 pitches = 0 days rest

41-65 pitches = 1 day rest

66-85 pitches = 2 days rest

Also to mention, a 10 year old cannot throw more than 75 pitches in a game. 11/12's may not throw more than 85 pitches in a game.

There will be a capped pitch count for the week, which is set to 120 pitches.

- The pitching log shall be shared between both teams before the start of each game or that game is automatically under protest.

- An email thread will be kept and will be consisted of all head coaches for all teams, they will post the game , date , result of game , and the pitching log (example , players name, age, and how many pitches a player has thrown.

4) Regular Season Substitution:

- Each player must play a minimum of 6 defensive outs, consecutive or non-consecutive.
- All teams must use continuous batting, however, each team only has to bat continuous the same number as the team with the fewest players and free substitution will still apply.

Every player must bat at least once in each game. Late arriving players are placed at the end of the batting order.

- Injured players may be removed from the line-up without penalty.

5) Playoff Pitching Rules

- 6 innings per player during the first 3 games of the playoffs
- 2 additional innings per player, per game for all subsequent games

- If a pitcher throws MORE THAN THREE innings, he may not pitch in his team's next game
- Innings are cumulative – they may be banked – during the playoffs
- The pitching log shall be shared between both teams before the start of each game or that game is automatically under protest.

6) Play-off Defensive Substitutions:

- Each player must play a minimum of 6 defensive outs and get 1 at-bat during each game he attends

7) Play-off Hitter Substitution rules:

▪ A 'starter' may re-enter the game in any position – and must be in the same batting position – once the person who substituted for him has been in the game for at least 6 defensive outs and had 1 at-bat.

Substitute and starter may not be in the game at the same time.

▪ If desired, a team may use a continuous batting order as an option with a minimum roster size of 11 players on the game score sheet. The starters shall play 6 consecutive outs and one at bat before the subs can be allowed into the game. Once the subs enter the game they must play 6 consecutive outs, once they do that it can be treated as free substitution.

▪ An Extra Hitter may be used by any team and must be designated on the roster as the EH prior to the start of a game.

▪ The Extra hitter is required to play in the field during the game for at least 6 consecutive outs.

▪ The Extra Hitter is treated as a 'fielding position' and may sub-in to play a defensive position without affecting/changing his team's batting order and provided the player he subs-in for has played six consecutive defensive outs.

▪ The Extra Hitter may be substituted for once he has played 6 consecutive outs in the field and had one at-bat.

8) Mercy Rule:

▪ A 10-run mercy rule applies at each half-inning interval when the trailing team is behind by 10 or more runs and has completed 12 or more outs (4 innings) at the plate assuming the home team has completed its at bat.

9) Protested Contests

▪ Initiate a protest by contacting **John Levesque 1-508-642-5186**, to serve notice of your protest. A voice mail message is an acceptable means of filing your protest.

▪ You have 24 hours after the start of the game in protest to request a protest

▪ Violating the pitching rules is a valid protest with no time limitations

▪ **John Levesque** will notify all directors in the league and schedule a Protest Review Meeting ASAP (email and phone calls might suffice depending on scenario)

- Protest committee consists of **3 Baseball Directors from Dighton , Freetown/ Lakeville**
- This years committee is **Jarett Mendoza, Jesse Mc Phail, and John Levesque**
- Protest Review Meeting Quorum = 2 non-affected directors from each league
- Each non-affected director has one vote – voting can be done over email if needed
- Directors from the two affected teams may not vote
- A majority vote is required to uphold the protest. A tie vote equals a rejection. No re-votes.

10) Make-Up Games

- Every effort must be made to play and complete each game in its scheduled week
- Monday games are scheduled for TUESDAY make-ups at the same time
- Wednesday games are scheduled for THURSDAY make-ups at the same time.

11) 8 Player Rule

- A minimum of 8 players is required to start a game and complete an official game
 - There will not be an out taken on the ninth spot to start the game.
 - Game start-times are not flexible - they must start on time however, a 15 minute grace period is allowed
- If one team has only 7 players and the 15 minutes have transpired and the 8th player has not arrived, a forfeit is called and coaches are encouraged to have a scrimmage. No pitching rules would apply.
- If the scrimmage is decided to play, the innings must be logged for both teams and they will count for the week. The final score will be 6-0.

12) Housekeeping Items

- Game results will be posted on the Dighton website by **Jarett Mendoza** at www.godbsl.com and on the Freetown Lakeville website by **Nate Gagnier**.

o Post score right from the Manager's Main page. To add the innings pitched; go to Games ▪ View. Find the game you just posted the score for and click Edit. Add notes and save. Add player's number and innings pitched for that game (i.e. #8 - 3 innings)

- Official Rawlings Babe Ruth Baseball are allowable.

RBRO(1) balls are allowed for game play as they are the same as RCAL baseballs.

Bat Rules are as follows:

NO BBCOR bats allowed

Bat Diameters may run 2 ¼- 25/8, and must have a BPF of 1.15 or less

All Bats with a USA baseball Label are deemed legal.

- For the playoffs only the 1st round will get seeded.
- For the playoffs the team in the winners bracket is awarded home field for the championship game.
- For the playoffs if the “if needed” game is required a coin toss will be used to determine the home team

at home plate.

- If a manager, coach, or player is ejected from a game that person will also be suspended from the next

scheduled game, including the playoffs.

o The second and tertiary offense of a manager, coach, or player is subject to the Intertown board’s discretion of the penalty

- Home team is responsible to provide 2 new game balls to the umpire
- No arguing of balls and strikes
- Home team is responsible for pre-game field preparations which must be completed at least 30 minutes

prior to game time

- Infield/Warm-up begins 25 minutes prior to the game time. Home team goes first for 10 minutes (5:20

– 5:30). Visitor second for 10 minutes (5:30 – 5:40). Umpire meeting: 5 minutes. If a team begins warm-ups late, they may not extend warm-ups to make-up for lost time. Use it or lose it.

- Trash pick-Up: each team is responsible for leaving their bench area litter free
- Coaches will discourage players from digging holes in the field or otherwise damaging the fields
- No slash bunts
- Head first sliding is acceptable only returning to a base.
- No batting practice or soft toss on the playing field prior to any game

➤ **Dropped Third Strike Rule:**

The batter becomes a runner when

The 3rd strike called by the umpire is not caught, providing:

- (1) first base is unoccupied
- or
- (2) first base is occupied with two outs

13) Inclimate Weather, and Game Length .

If a game is halted at anytime during the course of the game, due to bad weather or other circumstances, That game will be continued from that point at the team’s next meeting. Both

scorekeepers for both teams should verify the score, inning, count on batter etc before teams leave the field.

- If a game is tied at the end of six innings and the game is being played on Sunday –Thursday , one extra inning shall be played. If after the extra inning is played and the score is still tied , a tie will be posted.
- If a game is tied at the end of six innings and the game is being played on Friday or Saturday, sudden death rules apply in the extra innings to be played, however no more than **3** innings will be played to end the tie, if the game is tied after the third extra inning, the game is deemed a tie.