

MBL FALL LEAGUE

RULES & REGULATIONS

Revised as of 7/4/2021

The following rules and regulations shall govern play in all MBL Fall League games. The official rules shall be the National Federation of State High School rules except where modified below.

It is your responsibility to read, understand and adhere to the rules.

Continuous Batting: Continuous Batting and free substitution is required at all ages.

Game Length:

TB 09-12 Year Olds: 6 innings or no new inning starts after 1 hour and 45 minutes.

TB 13-18 Year Olds: 7 innings or no new inning starts after 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Pitching/Base Distances:

TB 9 & 10's: 46 Feet / 60 Feet

TB11's: 46 Feet / 65 Feet

TB12's: 52 feet / 75 feet

TB13's: 54 feet / 80 feet

TB14-18's: 60 feet, 6 inches / 90 feet

Pitching Restrictions:

TB 9-11 year old division a pitcher may pitch a maximum of **2 innings per game**

TB 12-13 year old division a pitcher may pitch a maximum of **3 innings per game.**

TB14-16 year old divisions a pitcher may pitch a maximum of **4 innings per game.**

TB17-18 year old divisions a pitcher may pitch a maximum of **4 innings per game.**

Run Restrictions: For 9U & 17/18U. Teams can only score 7 runs in their half inning, except their last at bat. Once a team has scored their seventh run, their half inning is over. 7 runs per half inning can be waived if both coaches agree to it.

No run restrictions at 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U & 15/16U. (These age groups have two different levels). Coaches can use run restrictions if they feel it is necessary.

Metal Cleats: Metal cleats are prohibited for the TB 9-12's.

Base Running: The following rules shall apply:

TB09 year olds – A player may lead off and steal after the ball crosses home plate.

TB10 year olds – A player may lead off and steal after the ball crosses home plate.

TB11 year olds - A player may lead off and steal after the ball leaves the pitchers hand.

TB12 - 18 year olds - A player may lead off and steal at any time.

In the TB9, 10 & 11 year old divisions, the batter may **NOT** advance to first base on a dropped third strike.

Home team determined by coin flip.

Uniforms: Team jerseys and hats will be supplied if requested and paid for.

Courtesy Runners: The last out can be used as a courtesy runner for the pitcher, catcher, or injured player at any time.

League Information: In case of rain contact the **Host Team** in order to determine if your game has been canceled. If umpire does not show contact the umpire assignor for your field.

Equipment: All bats, helmets, catcher's gear, footwear and other equipment must conform to National Federation rules and regulations.

Bat Rules:

Bat restrictions: 9U-14U: All bats must have the new USA stamp or a USSSA stamp (unless using a -3 BBCOR bat). 15-18's must use a BBCOR bat or wood bat.

To be 9U: Bats must be 2 1/4" with unlimited weight differential or bats 2 3/8", 2 5/8" & 2 3/4" can have a -11 differential or less (i.e. 31" – 20.0 oz.)

To be 10U: Bats must be 2 1/4" with unlimited weight differential or bats 2 3/8", 2 5/8" & 2 3/4" can have a -11 differential or less (i.e. 31" – 20.0 oz.)

To be 11U: Bats must be 2 1/4" with unlimited weight differential or bats 2 3/8", 2 5/8" & 2 3/4" can have a -11 differential or less (i.e. 31" – 20.0 oz.)

To be 12U: Bats must be 2 1/4" with unlimited weight differential or bats 2 3/8", 2 5/8" & 2 3/4" can have a -11 differential or less (i.e. 31" – 20.0 oz.)

To be 13U: Bats must be 2 1/4" with unlimited weight differential or bats 2 3/8", 2 5/8" & 2 3/4" can have a -11 differential or less (i.e. 31" – 20.0 oz.)

To be 14U: Bats must be 2 1/4" with unlimited weight differential or bats 2 3/8", 2 5/8" & 2 3/4" can have a -11 differential or less (i.e. 31" – 20.0 oz.) or you can follow 14U rules: Bats must be 2 5/8" with a -5 or less differential.

To be 15U: Bats must be 2 5/8" with a -5 or less differential.

To be 16U – 18U: Bats must be 2 5/8" with a -3 or less differential

Players can use their approved bats from their summer age group. No need to buy a new bat for fall league, if the bat you used this summer met 2020 MBL bat rules.