

2023 August Classic Rules

MBL Summer League rules will apply with the following exceptions:

9U-12U games will be 6 innings in length

13U-15U games will be 7 innings in length

6 inning pool games have a time limit: No new inning can start after 1 hour and 40 minutes.

7 inning pool games have a time limit: No new inning can start after 1 hour and 50 minutes.

For all bracket games: No new inning can start after 2 hours 15 minutes.

(Unless the game is tied).

There is a 10 Run Rule:

7 inning games: after 5 ½ or 6 innings.

6 inning games: after 4 ½ or 5 innings.

Run differential in pool play (maximum plus or minus 10 runs per game)

- Free substitution (All Ages)
- Continuous batting order (All Ages)
- Home team is determined by coin flip in all games.

The Bat Rules are the same as the 2023 MBL Summer Season.

2023 August Classic Pitching Rules

9-12 yr. olds = 2 innings per game per player.

13-15 yr. olds = 3 innings per game per player.

One pitch in any half of inning constitutes one inning pitched.

Enforcement: Once the umpire or either coaching staff notices a player is pitching passed his allotted innings for that game, play will be immediately stopped and the inning infraction will be verified. (Final determination will be made by umpire). If an infraction has occurred the pitcher will be removed from the mound (not the game) and play will then resume at the same spot where it was stopped.

There are no forfeits or ejections for this infraction. However, if a coach refuses to remove pitcher or knowingly tries to pitch him again during that game an ejection may be warranted (umpire's discretion).

Philosophy: We expect that most teams and umpires will be able to identify quickly if a player has exceeded the number of innings pitched over the framework of one game. The tournament is spread out over 5 days, most arms are stretched out in August and most importantly the per game limitation is strong. Therefore we will not need to monitor total innings pitched for the week.

Most teams end up playing 5 games in the tournament a very small # could play 6 games. The maximum any player would pitch for the 5 day period is **10** innings for 9-12 yr. olds and **15** innings for 13-15 yr. olds. (Unless a team plays a 6th game).

This is a fun tournament meant for rewarding these players for providing a positive contribution to their MBL team this year. I suspect that all coaches will be more concerned with their players having fun and not having a win at all cost attitude. Also, limiting the number of innings pitched per game will help facilitate the movement of players to different positions. This rule alleviates the coaches, umpires and the tournament staff from having to track everyone's total innings pitched. There will be no phone calls made to you asking you to verify the innings pitched from one of your previous games.

August Classic Coaches should always be cognizant of their players' well-being.