



Umpire Rule Reference Sheet

(All Divisions)

Time Limit & Tiebreaker

- No new inning after 95 min.
- Start times are 6:30pm and 8:15pm on weekdays. 7:15pm and 9:00pm on Sundays (NO grace period)
- If the game is tied after 9 innings the game will continue using the “International Tiebreaker Rule”. Under this rule, each team starts the inning with the player who completed the last official at bat, as a base runner on second base and one out. Each subsequent inning will start the same until a winner has been determined.
- Tiebreaker is not in effect during the playoffs. Games are played until completion regardless of time limits.

Number of Players

- Teams may start the game with a min of 8 players, max 20 players.
- Once the game has commenced and a team has batted through their order, players may only be added to the lineup to a maximum of ten (10). Subsequent players added to the line-up will be by substitution only.
- A player who is deleted from the line-up due to injury during a game is not an out (deleted players may not re-enter the game).

Courtesy Runners

- 3 per game (does not have to be the last out)
 - No injury runners from the fence
- Exception: IF a player is injured during the course of the game such that he cannot make it to 1st and IF the game would be forfeit without said player remaining in the lineup, a runner from the screen may be allowed at the discretion of the umpire.**

Pitching

- Division 1 **will follow a 6FT to 12FT pitch range.**
- All other Divisions **will follow a 6FT TO UNLIMITED pitch range.**

Homerun Rule

Any fair-batted ball hit over the fence (touched or untouched) over fair ground

- Match + 2 = **All Divisions.**

(Additional home runs above limit are scored an out)

ALL (Divisions)

- **Homerun Team must supply an approved replacement ball**

- **While not mandatory, “Walk Off Home Run apply”:** On any fair-batted ball hit over the fence (touched or untouched) for a home run, the batter and all runners are credited with a score. The batter and any runners do not run the bases but go directly to their team area.

Miscellaneous

- **The home team will supply a new game ball AND good used second ball** which must meet the approval of the game umpire. **Visiting team may be asked to provide a third ball** also meeting the approval of the game umpire. {14 (c)}
- Details on **Protests, Penalties and Fines** can be found in **Section 7** of the constitution.

Playoffs

- To be eligible for the playoffs a player must be listed on the roster sheet posted on SPO Web Site and have played a minimum of 1/4 (rounded up) of the regular season games (e.g. in a 20 game season, a player must play 5 games to be playoff eligible)