

NORTH GWINNETT BASEBALL SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL RULES-2007

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MUST APPROVE ANY EXCEPTIONS.

ALL OFFICIAL RULES OF DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL ARE IN EFFECT EXCEPT AS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS

Time limit for games will be 1 hour and 35 minutes. The game is official when the scheduled time has expired **and** the current inning is completed. No new inning may start within the last five minutes of the scheduled time period. A new inning begins when the third out is made in the previous inning. If both teams have the same number of runs at the end of the scheduled time period, with both teams having batted the same number of times, the game will end in a tie and be recorded as such in the league standings

A regulation game shall be six (6) innings or five (5) and one half if the home team is ahead. A game shall be considered an official game, if after three (3) and one half or four (4) innings, a team is ahead by ten (10) or more runs. Games shortened because of curfew, rain or other acts of nature shall be considered official after four (4) complete innings, three and one-half (3) if the home team is leading. If stopped for any other reason before being completely played, the game will be started back from the exact point of termination at the best date available.

There will be no more than nine (9) defensive players. The infield will consist of no more than six (6) players, which are the pitcher, catcher, first baseman, second baseman, shortstop, and third baseman.

There will be an infield fly rule.

Balks will be called after 4/9/06.

Metal Cleats can not be worn.

There is no "Courtesy Runner" rule for the Pitcher or Catcher. All batters must run, unless injured.

Pitchers – no specific pitch is an illegal pitch, but NGBSA strongly discourages any coach or parent teaching 11/12 year olds to throw pitches that could cause injury to a child's arm – example: Curve Ball.

A team may score a maximum of eight (8) runs per inning through the fifth (5th) inning, with a ten (10) run limit in the sixth (6th) and extra innings.

A player may pitch no more than three (3) innings per game and six (6) innings per week. One Pitch is considered one inning pitched. Eligibility begins Monday at 12:01 a.m. and ends Sunday at 12:00 Midnight. Eligibility for a make-up game counts in the week it is played.

Bats – Players can use thin barrel bats with -12.5 drop or less (-13 is illegal). Big Barrel Bats – the bats can have a 2 5/8 or 2 3/4 Diameter, but have no less than a -9 drop (-9.5 is illegal). Please note that this rule differs from Dixie Youth – if you play on an All-Star team you must follow the Dixie Youth Rules.

Playing time – all players will bat in continuous order. Field time during regular season games – all players must sit out the same number of innings in a game before any player sits out an additional inning. End of the season Tournament Rules – field time will be per the Red Book.