

2011

## Key Rule Changes:

### JV & Varsity Softball & Baseball:

A Courtesy runner will be allowed for both the Pitcher & Catcher at any time. The Courtesy runner must not be in the lineup at the time of the substitution. An EH or 10th batter is considered to be in the line-up and is not eligible to courtesy run. The same player can not Courtesy Run for both the pitcher and catcher. Teams that only have the minimum number of players may not use courtesy runners unless it is for the Catcher and there are 2 outs.

**Note:** The intention of this rule is to get more players involved during the game especially for larger teams. It is not meant to try to gain advantages. It also does not replace the playing requirement of one defensive inning and one at bat in a 6 inning game. A runner is allowed for the Catcher with 2 outs so that they can get their gear on.

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Coaches will need to count pitches and submit them with the scores.  
Include innings pitched with the counts.

**Note:** The pitching requirements have not changed for this year, but we want to track the amount of pitches a player throws. We may change the pitching limits from innings to pitches for next year based on the data.

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#### PLAY-OFF Eligibility –

1. Teams will need to submit their scorebooks at play-off time.
2. Players must play in a minimum of 5 regular season games with that team to be eligible to play for that team in the play-offs.
3. Depending on rain-out factors the league may lower the minimum game requirement.

### SOFTBALL:

The pitching distance for JV will be 38 feet. Varsity will be 40 feet.

### VARSAITY Bat Rule:

#### A. -3 Bats

1. May not be a composite.

2. Must be stamped either BESR or BBCOR
3. Only BBCOR bats will be legal starting in the 2012 season.

B. All non -3 Bats

1. Must be baseball bats.
2. May not have barrels larger than 2 ¼ in.
3. They may be composite if it's a 2 ¼ in barrel for this year.

JV Bat Rule:

- 1 Must be a Baseball Bat.
- 2 May not have barrels larger than 2 1/4in.
- 3 They may be composite if it's a 2 ¼ in barrel for this year.

**Note:** JV leagues will not be allowed to use 2 5/8<sup>th</sup> inch barrels this year. The Home Plate Umpire will make the final determination on all bats and equipment allowed during the game.

BASEBALL:

VARSITY "B" League

The BASEBALL Varsity "B" League will have an inning slaughter rule. This rule will be the same as the JV level. Following the completion of the 10<sup>th</sup> batter during 1 inning, the following out will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> out. Teams must notify the Umpires that the 10<sup>th</sup> batter is at the plate and that there will be 2 outs following his completion. This rule will not apply for the last inning of the game or for the play-offs.