

Mitchell Park Sports League Rules (CP Minor)

1. SCHEDULED GAME START TIME: All games shall begin promptly at the scheduled start time. If a team is unable to field at least 8 players by the game's scheduled start time, then the game will be forfeited.
2. TIME LIMIT: There is a 1 hour & 40-minute time limit, in which no new inning shall begin.
3. LENGTH OF GAMES: All games shall consist of six (6) innings (5 ½ if the home team is ahead), unless the game is shortened by the umpire due to time, run-rule, weather, etc. The ten-run rule applies after 4 innings (3-1/2 if the home team is ahead). All shortened games must consist of at least 4 innings (3 ½ if the home team is ahead) to be considered a complete game unless the time limit has expired, and the inning has been completed. Games tied after 6 innings will be considered complete and recorded as a tie.
4. RUN RULE: A 5 run per inning rule is in effect through the first 3 innings, after 3 innings unlimited runs are allowed. Note: continuation scoring will not be allowed past 5 runs; if the batter hits the ball to score the 5th run the play will stop and the side is retired. The only way more than 5 runs can be scored is on a home run (over the fence). The ten-run rule applies after 4 innings (3-1/2 if the home team is ahead).
5. (COACHES) Warm-up: The Pitcher may take up to 5 warm-up pitches in between each inning, if within the 2 minutes of teams changing positions.
6. RAIN-OUTS: If the scheduled game is canceled due to weather, your game will be rescheduled for the Saturday of that week. Games will be scheduled in order of which they were cancelled that week. First game cancelled will start at 1 PM that Saturday. If you cannot play during the scheduled time it will result in a forfeit. There is no leeway on this rule.
7. COACHES: Each team is allowed 1 manager and 2 coaches. Base coaches will consist of 2 adults or 1 adult and 1 player (the player must wear a helmet and may only coach 1st base). One defensive coach will be allowed on the field, and must not interfere with play.
8. DUGOUT ASSIGNMENTS: The Home team will occupy the 3rd base dugout while the Visiting team will occupy the 1st base dugout.
9. BATTING ORDER: Each team will use a continuous batting order with unrestricted defensive substitutions. A player who arrived after the start of the game will be inserted at the bottom of the batting order.
10. The batter will remain in the box with at least one foot throughout the at-bat.
11. MANDATORY PLAY: Each player on the team's roster and present at the start of the game shall play a minimum of 1 inning in the infield and may not sit more than 2 innings in a row. The penalty for violating the mandatory play rule will be assessed by the MPSL Board and could result in suspension. [EXCEPTION: for weather, shortened games, illness, injury]
12. INFIELD FLY: The infield fly rule is not in effect.

13. BATTING: Batters will receive 6 pitches or 3 swings whichever comes first. If unsuccessful they will be called out.

14. ON-DECK BATTER: No on-deck batter is allowed. Players must remain in the dugout and are not allowed to swing bats in the dugout.

15. BUNTS: Bunts are allowed. No batter shall be allowed to fake bunt and then swing the bat. In the event of this occurrence the play will result in the batter ruled out.

16. ADVANCEMENT: A batted ball that remains in the infield allows the runner only one base advancement. There is a one base advancement on overthrows.

a. Batted balls to the outfield or unlimited advancement until the ball is secured by an infielder and time is called by that infielder.

17. SCOREKEEPER, PITCH COUNTER, SCOREBOARD OPERATOR, & FIELD MAINTENANCE: a. The home team shall provide the official scorekeeper and the visiting team shall provide the scoreboard operator. After the game, the scorekeeper shall have both Managers sign the scorebook.

c. Both teams are responsible for picking up the trash in their respective dugouts.

d. The visiting team is responsible for raking the field after the game.

INJURY REPORT: An injury report must be filled out for injuries. Forms can be found in the concession area or ask the Board Member on Duty. The incident must be reported to the MPSL board within 24 hours of the injury.