

OKEEHOLEE YOUTH BASEBALL, INC.
MINOR DIVISION RULES
(9-10)

1. AGE OF PLAYER

Player must be nine (9) years old by April 30 of current season. Player must not be eleven (11) years old before May 1 of current season.

2. REGULATION GAME

Regulation game is six innings. Game will be official if four (4) full innings are completed (3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead). There is a ten (10) run rule in effect and the game shall be called if either team is ahead by ten (10) or more runs after the completion of four (4) innings (or 3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead).

3. TIME LIMIT

No inning shall start more than one hour forty-five minutes after the official starting time, unless game is tied. NOTE: Monday through Thursday, no new inning will start after 9pm. If the game is still tied after the time limit has expired, the game will go to the Kansas City Tiebreaker format. Last out of the previous inning is placed on 2nd base, and the inning will begin with the batting team already having 1 out. This format will be used until a winner is determined. Time will be kept by the home plate umpire.

4. MUST PLAY RULE

All players must play no less than two (2) innings defensively of every game; if a team has twelve (12) players or less, then all players must play no less than three (3) innings defensively. Should the game not go six (6) innings and a player not play his or her required number of innings; the player must then start the next ball game. Failure to comply with this "must play" rule will result in forfeiture of both ball games in which the infraction occurred — no exceptions. Violations need to be brought to the Board's attention within 2 weeks of the violation in writing from any manager, coach, parent, or other association member in order to be acted upon. If a player is physically unable to play or is being disciplined, the situation must be reported to the press box and the other team before the game starts or the next pitch.

5. NINE BATTER RULE

There will be a limit of nine (9) batters in any inning from any team. After the ninth batter is up, a player with the ball in his possession may either make the third out or step on home plate and end the inning. (The runner on third will score if bases are loaded and batter draws a walk.) If the catcher does not secure the ball, players can advance until someone does secure the ball and steps on home plate. Three (3) outs or nine (9) batters constitute a half inning. Teams will bat through entire roster.

6. EQUIPMENT

No skull caps permitted. Full catcher's helmet and protective cups shall be worn by all catchers. All infielders are urged to wear cups.

7. FIELDING CHANGES

All pitching changes must be submitted to the home plate umpire upon execution.

8. WARM-UP PITCHING

Teams playing the second game of a double header may use the bull pen to warm up a pitcher during the

first game. This can only be done after the third inning and the pitcher must be accompanied by a coach, catcher and a back up. The teams playing the first game will have preference to use the mound.

10. PITCHING REGULATIONS

The following rules shall govern the use of pitchers in the minor division. These rules will be in effect for the Spring and Fall recreational seasons.

Pitch Count: All pitchers will be limited to no more than 72 pitches in a single game. Once the pitcher reaches 60 pitches in a game, the scorekeeper shall notify the manager, giving the manager time to warm-up a replacement pitcher. When the pitcher throws the 72nd pitch, the scorekeeper will stop the game, and a new pitcher must be placed on the mound. The scorekeeper is responsible for keeping the official pitch count and has final say as to the number of pitches thrown, no exceptions. Failure to follow this rule will result in a forfeit.

Innings Pitched: Okeehelie Youth Baseball will also comply with Cal Riken Youth Baseball's inning pitched rule. This rule states that any player is allowed a maximum of 6 innings pitched in a calendar week, Monday through Sunday. In addition, if a player pitches more than 2 innings, the player is required to take at least 2 calendar days rest before pitching again.

Pitcher/Catcher: If a player has pitched at any point, for any amount of time in a game, that player may not be entered in to the same game as a catcher. Failure to obey this rule will result in a forfeit.