

DELAWARE VALLEY BASEBALL AABC

12U 2007 LEAGUE BASEBALL RULES

1. All games are scheduled for 7 innings. If a game is shortened due to weather it is considered complete if the losing team has batted 5 times. If this is not the case, the game is suspended and must be completed at a later date.
2. To avoid a forfeit, a team must have 8 players to begin the game. The 9th spot is not considered an out.
3. If the game is tied after 7 innings, we will use the international rule with a man on 2b and no outs. If the game cannot continue due to daylight it will be reported as a tie.
4. A pinch runner must be used for the catcher if there are 2 outs. Pitcher is optional. Must use a player not in the game or if batting the lineup, the player who recorded the last out.
5. During ground rules, each team must declare to the umpire 1. Batting the lineup [unlimited substitution], 2. Batting 9 [regular baseball substitution rules], 3. Batting 9 plus EH [starter re-entry, EH is in the game and go anywhere in the field].
6. Once removed from the mound, the pitcher may not return as a pitcher, but may play any other defensive position. No other pitching restrictions.
7. No metal cleats at 12U level.
8. Mercy rule shall be enforced. 12 runs after 4 innings, 10 runs after 5 innings.
9. No time limit on games.
10. If a doubleheader has been scheduled, teams may agree on playing 2-6 inning games.
11. If a player is ejected from the game he must remain seated on the bench for the remainder of the current game and the next scheduled league game. If a coach is ejected from the game, he must take a seat away from the bench for the remainder of the current game and the next scheduled league game. Two ejections in a season requires the coach and/or player to sit for the next 3 scheduled league games. Upon a 3rd ejection, the coach or player is suspended for the remainder of the season.
12. Balk rules are in effect and there will be no warnings.
13. If a game is called due to rain or darkness it reverts back to the last completed inning. Rule No. 1 still applies.
14. A game may be delayed 15 minutes. If at that time a team cannot field 8 players they will forfeit the game.

15. Pitchers are limited to 5 warm up pitches between innings.
16. Coaches must remain in the coach's box when their team is batting. Coaches must remain on the bench or behind screen when their team is in the field.
17. All teams are to supply 2 Wilson A1010 baseballs at the start of each game. Each team will pay half the umpire fees for the game during ground rules.
18. Teams can roster up to 18 players. The roster must be submitted on the website on or before March 28th. Roster cannot be changed after May 15th.
19. Scores are inputted on the league website by either team within 24 hours. After 24 hours, the League Administrator will toss a coin (heads home, tails visitor) and assign a win to one of the teams.
20. A physical address for all fields (number, street and town) must be emailed to the League Administrator (administrator@delvalbaseball.org) no later than March 20th.
21. Weather related cancellations must be declared by the home team at least 2 hours before game time. Notification must be given by the home team to the opposing team and the umpire chief. Cancellation must also be posted immediately on the league website.
22. There is NO rescheduling of games permitted. The only exception to this rule occurs if the team notifies opposing team, umpires and League Administrator at least 14 days prior. Game will be rescheduled by the League Administrator on alternate dates offered by the team who was cancelled. If the team who cancelled the game cannot make the new date the game will be reported as a forfeit. The forfeiting team will be charged for half of their deposit (\$100). After 2 forfeits, the forfeiting team will not be eligible for playoff and will not be invited back to the league for the following season.
23. All issues or rulings which are in dispute will be discussed and ruled upon by the Rules Committee members whose decision will be final.
24. Slide or veer rules are in effect.
25. A player must play in 8 regular season games to qualify for the playoffs.

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