



Southwest Athletics – Majors 70 Baseball Local Rules

All games will adhere to Cal Ripken Baseball rules and regulations for Majors 70 baseball unless a Southwest Athletics local rule is noted below.

Gentlemen's Agreements will not be allowed. These rules may not be changed by any Manager, Coach or Umpire. Recommendations for rule changes should be forwarded to your Division Director and VP of Baseball for consideration. The Southwest Athletics Executive Board of Directors reserves the right to make changes to these rules during the season should it be deemed necessary.

It is the responsibility of each team Manager to challenge rule interpretations, rule violations, etc with the Umpire. Coaches may call time to discuss questions with their Manager however only the two team Managers may engage in the conversation with the Umpire. If the Managers cannot come to an agreement with the Umpire based on the rules, the Board Member on Duty will be called to resolve any questions. If Coaches are engaged in the conversation with the Umpire and/or opposing team, the Umpire will remove the offending Coach from the game. The Coach is also subject to disciplinary action by the Southwest Athletics Executive Board of Directors.

Suspended Games

If the curfew is met, weather, etc the game will have to be rescheduled prior to the next meeting of the two teams or at another time determined by the League Scheduler, field availability and the VP of Baseball Operations

Tie games are not allowed in this division

Games called before completing the 1st inning – Full game will be replayed from the beginning

Games called after completing the 1st inning – Will resume from where they left off

Substitution Rules

All rostered players will be placed in the batting order and will bat in continuous order throughout the game

Free defensive substitutions are permitted, except for the position of pitcher

- Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, they may not re-enter as a pitcher for the rest of the game

No player may sit consecutive innings

No minimum infield or outfield requirements

Games may start with 8 Players

- A team will be charged an out in the 9th batting position if they only have 8 players. If a player arrives after the game has started, the player shall be placed at the end of the batting order (in the last position in the batting order as the batting order was presented at the start of the game)

If a player leaves a game early (injury, school work, ejection, transportation issue, etc) the team will not be charged an out for that spot in their batting order



Pool Player Process

Managers may request a Pool Player through their Division Director only if they have 7 or 8 confirmed players for a game

A maximum of two (2) Pool Players are permitted to play for a team in a scheduled game Pool Players are permitted to play Left and/or Right Field

Pool Players will bat last in the line-up

Eligible Pool Players may play for teams in this division only, they will not participate in games in any other division

Pitching Rules

10 Year Olds – Maximum pitches per day is 75

11 & 12 Year Olds – Maximum pitches per day is 85

If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed

If a player pitches 51 - 65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed

If a player pitches 36 - 50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed

If a player pitches 21 - 35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed

If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required

10 & 11-Year-Old Pitching:

- If a team plays more than one game during a calendar week (Monday - Sunday), at least 3 innings (9 outs) must be pitched by non-twelve year olds. If games are shortened to less than 6 innings any innings not played may count towards non-twelve-year-old pitching minimum. (Ex. game shortened to 4 innings due to 10-run rule, remaining 2 innings may count towards non-twelve-year-old pitching minimum.) A game is not considered shortened when a game ends after the top of the 6th without the home team batting

▪ Example:

Game 1 - 6 innings, a 10 or 11-yr old pitched 1 inning (3 outs)

Game 2 - 4 innings - game shortened due to 10-run rule (or rain, etc) - the 2 remaining innings (6 outs) would count as 10 or 11-yr old pitched inning meeting the 3 inning/9 out minimum

- For all pitch count limits, the pitcher may finish the batter without moving to the next level of rest provided that the pitcher started the batter within the pitch level

Violation of any pitching rules will result in:

- If an ineligible pitcher/player is discovered during the game, the game score will revert back to when the ineligible player entered the game; and
- A 1 game suspension of the manager (Team Manager may not be present at the facility for their teams next game); and
- Possible additional penalties for repeat offenders or for intentional violation at the discretion of the Southwest Athletics VP of Baseball Operations and/or the Executive Board

▪ Any and all penalties will be approved by the Executive Board



Balk Rules

- Pitchers will not be penalized for a balk in the first two weeks of the season (April 4 to April 17). Umpires will issue a warning and explain the balk to the pitcher
 - Exception: If a runner stealing causes the balk the runner will be awarded the base. This will be in the judgment of the umpire
- Balks will be enforced on April 18th and for the remainder of the season (including the End of Season Tournament)

Game Time Limits

No time limit

Southwest Athletics Curfew: No inning will begin after 10:00 PM

Batter Rules

On Deck batter is allowed

Only one Player may be on deck at a time (should be the only player other than the batter to have a bat in his hands)

Player must remain in front of their respective dugout.

For safety, they should be no closer to home than the dugout entrance.

All batters will wear a batting helmet when on the field of play, whether as an on deck hitter, a batter, or a base runner

The On Deck batter may use a Batting Donut/Sleeve

10 Run Mercy Rule

The 10 run mercy rule applies in the 3 ½ inning if the home team is ahead and the 4th inning if the visiting team is ahead

Catcher Rules

A Courtesy Runner for the catcher is permitted for the catcher entering the game in the next half inning. The player making the last out shall be the runner

- NOTE: There are no other substitute runner rules

To help facilitate the flow of the game, a Manager, Coach or Player may assist warming-up a pitcher while the catcher is putting on their equipment. Players must wear a catcher's mask

Home & Visiting Teams: Game Day

Home Team

Provide game balls (Given to the Team Manager by SWA) Will keep the games official scorebook

Assign a parent or coach to keep the scoreboard

Assign a parent or coach to keep the official pitch count (for both teams) and game pitching records

Parent/Coach keeping the official pitch count for both teams must sit inside or beside the score's box. This will allow equal access by both Team Managers

Maintenance

Team Managers and Coaches:

Rake around all bases, home plate and pitcher's mound after each game (WP Small Field) Make sure all trash is picked up in dugout

Other

Casts (hard, soft or covered) may not be worn during the game by players and/or the umpires. Any player or coach wearing a cast must remain in the dugout during the game