

## **Minor Rules Fall Season**

1. Time Limit – No new inning shall begin after the time limit has passed.
  - 1 hour 45 minutes during the week
  - 2 hours on weekend
  - 6 innings per game
  - No tie-breakers
2. Any protest situation must be resolved before continuation of play.
3. If umpires are not available, contact the board member on duty.
4. Weather decisions on field condition, practice / games being played, halting a game or completion of a game shall be made by the following people in order of availability:
  1. City of Palm Beach Gardens
  2. Baseball President
  3. Board Member on Field Duty
  4. Head Umpire
  5. Manager – May pull players from field only if both managers agree; however, managers **MAY NOT** postpone, reschedule or cancel a game.

NOTE: Manager may cancel their practice at any time
5. **A team's at bat will end when the 3<sup>rd</sup> out is made or the entire batting order has batted.**
6. The batting order shall be the entire roster in attendance at the game. In the event that a team can only field 8 players, the 9<sup>th</sup> position in the batting order shall be considered an automatic out.
7. On deck batters are permitted in the on deck circle located to the back of the batter.
8. **The defensive team shall field 10 players on the field at one time. Every player must play every other inning in the field. Free substitution is allowed.**
9. **Pitching Rules – Pitcher may pitch a maximum of 2 innings per game and 4 innings per week.**
10. All pitching signs must be delivered to the pitcher through the catcher. First offense will result in a warning to the managers. Every offense after the first will result in a balk.
11. No fake attempt to bunt and swing (Butcher Boy). If, at the umpire's discretion the play occurred, the batter is out and ball is dead.
12. Infield Fly rule shall not apply.
13. No head first slides into any base. Players may slide head first back to a base. Players must slide into a base to avoid contact. (Avoiding contact is umpire discretion). No slide, as determined by the umpire, will result in the runner being called out.
14. Catchers must have proper catcher's equipment (including protective cup), and must use a catcher's mitt.
15. Players shall not wear jewelry.

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16. No metal cleats.
17. All players on a team shall wear uniforms identical in color, time and style according to the Babe Ruth Rulebook. Players not in uniform WILL NOT be allowed to participate in the game.
18. Any player bleeding during a game shall be removed until the bleeding has stopped and a bandage applied.
19. When a player is injured and cannot run, the batter last out shall take his place.
20. In the event of injury, immediate medical attention shall be given and the player, if necessary, taken to the emergency room. PBGYAA Baseball Hotline (622-4157) shall be contacted as soon as possible.
21. Players must remain in the dugout during games.
  - Exception: Trips to bathroom or water fountain – one at a time. No player should be sitting in the stands.
22. Behavior of players, managers, coaches and spectators will be according to the PBGYAA Code of Conduct.
23. Players or coaches ejected from a game will automatically sit out the next game. Players or coaches must attend the next game, dressed in uniform and remain in the stands. They will not participate in any game until this requirement is met.