



2022 Majors Rules

6 run max per inning, 10 Run mercy rule after 4 innings. 50/70 Distance

**Regulation game is 6 innings, 1 1/2-hour time limit, or 4 innings if the game is called by the umpire.
An inning can be finished after the time limit is reached but no new inning started.**

Pitching Rules

We will follow the "Pitch Smart Program" Guidelines at Harris this season. I will email you all a copy.

1. A player who throws more than 30 pitches in a day may not play catcher the same day. If a player has been catcher for 2 or more innings in a day, he may not pitch that same day.
2. Balks are called. 1st offense is a warning; subsequent offenses allow awarded base to the runner. Umpires use discretion for "minor" infractions.
3. Intentional walks are allowed, must be requested by defensive coach or catcher, and can be done prior to pitching to the batter.
4. The 2nd coach trip to the mound must result in the removal of the pitcher.

Base Running Rules

1. Steals are permitted at any base including home plate. Lead offs are permitted.
2. For the first 7 games, balks will not be enforced but used as teaching lesson. If pitcher makes an errant throw in attempt to pick off runner, runner is allowed to steal base.
3. After game 7, balks will be enforced.
4. **No delayed steals for the first 7 games. Once the catcher has secured the ball, and the runner has stopped forward progress, the runner must immediately return to their base.** The ball remains live though. If the catcher makes an errant throw to the pitcher, the runner can then attempt to advance.
5. Players may advance on over-throws at any base.

6. Drop 3rd strike is in effect.
7. Head first slides are permitted but not recommended.
8. A player must slide if there is a play at a base. If they do not slide, they will be automatically out.
9. Infield fly rule is in effect.

Playing Time:

1. All player must play minimum of 2 innings in the field. The whole roster bats all game.
2. No limits or restrictions on the number of innings at 1 position. The exception to this rule is catcher, if a player is catcher for more than 4 innings in a game, he must have at least 2 days rest before he is eligible to pitch or play catcher again.
3. Teams may play with 8 players. If only fielding 8 defensive players, a 9th defensive player can come from the opposing team if requested and should be the player that made the last out the inning prior.

Batting:

1. **USA Bats only.**
2. No slash bunts.