

Senior League Division Rules

Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) rules shall be followed where not defined in this document.

General Rules

1. All players must be 15 years and under on April 30.
2. Any players playing high school baseball will not be permitted to play in this league.
3. All rosters must be submitted before first game and are final at this point. Any additions to roster must be submitted to the senior committee for approval. Rosters should state player name and date of birth. Rosters will be distributed to all head coaches. Email rosters to bsteury@aol.com for dispersing.
4. Home team pays umpire fees. Butler will hire and pay for their umpires when playing a Butler home game at your field.
5. The post season tournament shall consist of 2 separate single elimination brackets.
 - A. The first bracket shall be comprised of teams from each division with the highest winning percentage and will be seeded within the tournament by their winning percentage. In the event of a tie in winning percentages, the tie breaker rules (para. C) shall be used to break the tie. The number of teams in this first bracket will be dependent on the number of teams registered for the regular season. The commissioners of the respective participant leagues shall decide the number of teams for Bracket number 1.
 - B. The second bracket shall be comprised of the remaining teams not selected for bracket one (1). The teams playing in bracket two (2) shall be assigned seeds based upon their winning percentage. In the event of a tie in winning percentages, the tie breaker rules (para. C) shall be used to break the tie.
 - C. The tie breaker rules shall be applied in order, until the tie is broken.
 - i. Head to head winning percentage
 - ii. Margin of victory head to head
 - iii. winning percentage within division
 - iv. winning percentage in cross over division
 - v. winning percentage against mutual opponents.
 - D. The regular season *Pitching Rule 1* is adjusted for the tournament as follows:
Each pitcher is allowed 5 innings per game with a max of 10 innings within any three (3) calendar days.
6. Metal cleats allowed, except on portable pitching mounds.
7. Mound is set to 54 feet and bases at 80 feet
8. No infield practice before games. EXCEPTION: If both home and visiting head coaches agree AND both teams are granted equal access to the field for infield practice AND the game can begin at the time originally scheduled on the schedule (or any subsequent rescheduling occurring before the day of the game) following such practice, then infield practice is permitted.

Game Rules

1. 2 minute time limit in between innings
2. Games will be 7 innings or 1 hour and 45 minutes, finish inning.
3. Mercy rule:
 - A. If the winning team has 15 or greater more runs than the losing team, and the winning team is the home team, then the game is over after 3 ½ innings. If the winning team is the visiting team, then the game is over after 4 innings;
 - B. If the winning team has 10 or greater more runs than the losing team, and the winning team is the home team, then the game is over after 4 ½ innings. If the winning team is the visiting team, then the game is over after 5 innings.
 - C. The 10-run rule (section 3.B.) applies the same way for the 6th inning (i.e. game over after 5 ½ innings (winning team is home team) or 6 innings (winning team is visiting team)).

Pitching

1. Each pitcher is allowed 5 innings per day with a max of 8 innings per week. A week is defined as 12:01 am Monday to 12:00 am Sunday (Monday to Sunday).
2. If a pitcher throws a single pitch in an inning, that inning is counted as one inning against the daily and weekly maximum for that pitcher.
3. A pitcher may not re-renter the same game in the pitching position after substitution (relief) for said pitcher.

Bats

1. Bats must be stamped with USA Bat Stamp or BBCOR .50
2. Barrel diameter must not exceed 2 5/8"