

Fair Lawn AAA Baseball Rules - 2018

1. Field sizing and length of game:

- a. Pitching mound 46 feet. For 2nd graders learning to pitch, please move mound to 40 feet.
- b. Bases: 60 Feet
- c. Games are to be 6 innings, or 5 1/2 if home team is winning. Games are to be ended immediately for safety reasons because of darkness. This is at the discretion of the coaches and umpire. No game should exceed 2 hours.

2. Pitchers: For the safety of the player, no player may pitch more than three (3) innings in one day or six (6) innings on consecutive games.

It is recommended, but not required (for Progressive league only) that a pitcher who walks four (4) batters in a row be taken out for a coach (from the hitting team) to pitch the remainder of that inning.

3. Leading: Permitted only when the ball passes home plate

4. Stealing: Permitted & can occur only when the ball passes home plate

- b. Teams are permitted three (3) steals per inning.
- c. Stealing of home NOT permitted. Runners must be batted or walked in from third base.
- d. Advancement on an overthrow of a stolen base is NOT permitted.
- f. Advancement on a wild pitch/passed ball is to be considered a stolen base and counted towards a team's inning limit.

5. Bunting: Each team is allowed one (1) bunt per inning.

- a. NO fake bunts – showing bunt, pulling back, and swinging (or slashing) NOT permitted
- b. NO suicide squeezes

6. Tagging Up: Permitted of 3rd to home only.

7. Runs per inning: Teams are allowed to score a maximum of five (5) runs per inning – except in the last inning. When a team scores the fifth run, the defensive team comes to bat and a new half inning begins.

8. Mercy Rule: Ten (10) run mercy rule in effect after 3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead, and four innings if the home team is behind in the scoring.

9. Umpires:

- a. Will call balls and strikes
- b. No dropped third strikes
- c. 2 strike foul tips which are caught are outs
- d. NOTE: This league uses HS student umpires – Coaches, Parents, and Players are expected to follow the code of conduct. Think of it this way: what if your teen ager was umpiring, how would you want him/her treated?
- e. Help the umpires if you are coaching one of the bases, and they are having problems with a call. Be honest.