

Riverside/Bradford Baseball League
General Rules
(All Divisions)

- 1. Our primary goal is to teach baseball and make it fun.**
- 2. Profanity is not allowed by coaches, umpires, parents, or players. Arguing between opposing coaches, umpires, and/or parents may result in removal from the game. The head coach is responsible for his assistants, parents, and players. If you have a problem, contact your commissioner. Teach good sportsmanship.**
- 3. There is no smoking on any fields at any time. Spectators and umpires are prohibited from smoking on school property by city permit and strongly discouraged from smoking at all fields. Violations will result in removal from facility/field.**
- 4. Eating is not allowed on the bench or in the playing area.**
- 5. The home team will use the first base bench and the visitors, the third base side.**
- 6. Players must wear full league issued uniforms only, a team cap and socks, where applicable. If additional player(s) is called up from a lower division that player must wear his/her full uniform.**
- 7. All batters and base runners must wear a helmet.**
- 8. All catchers must wear a cup, regardless of gender.**
- 9. There will be no batting practice on the playing field one hour or less before game time.**
- 10. Recruit parents to help during games and practices. Two assistants during games allow someone to dress the catcher, warm up pitchers, keep the book and coach the bases with a player when your team is batting. A Manager and two adult coaches are allowed in the dugout area during games. A scorekeeper may sit on the bench or outside the playing area.**
- 11. Two adults may coach the bases with two players, one player in each box. Players in the coaching boxes must wear helmets.**
- 12. An automatic time-out occurs when a player is hurt during the game. Base runners will be placed at the umpire's discretion.**
- 13. Intentional walks are not allowed.**
- 14. Runners cannot leave the base until the ball crosses the plate (except in the RB13 division).**
- 15. A steal is defined as advancing a base without the occurrence of a hit, walk, and/or error (including an overthrow). This definition applies unless otherwise noted in specific divisional rules.**

Riverside/Bradford Baseball League
General Rules
(All Divisions)

16. No inning will start after 7:15pm if a second game is scheduled under the lights. The second game will start 15 minutes after the first game ends. This pertains to RB1 only.
17. There is a 9:45pm curfew on the Major A field at Riverside Park. This pertains to RB1 only.
18. On-deck batters are not allowed to hold a bat.
19. Base coaches cannot touch runners when the ball is in play. The runner is out.
20. A coach may come out twice in one inning to visit with the pitcher, but the third time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. A coach may come out three times in one game to visit with the pitcher, but the fourth time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher.
21. If a head coach knows in advance the team will be shorthanded, he may contact the commissioner to add an eligible player from the next level down. This player cannot pitch when called up and MUST first be approved by the Divisional Commissioner and/or Player Agent.
22. No breaking balls (curves, sliders, etc.) will be allowed. Umpires will call an illegal pitch and a ball and issued a warning. A second offense by the same pitcher will result in that pitcher being removed from the mound for the remainder of the game.

The following pitching rules apply to ONLY the Single A, Double A, Triple A, Major A, and the RB13 Divisions.

23. A coach must remove a pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the player may remain in the game at another position:

| | |
|------------|--------------------|
| Ages 13-14 | 95 pitches per day |
| Ages 11-12 | 85 pitches per day |
| Ages 9-10 | 75 pitches per day |
| Ages 7-8 | 50 pitches per day |

When this limit is reached, the pitcher must be removed from the mound. If a pitcher reaches the limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch, until that batter reaches base or is put out.

24. Pitchers must adhere to the following rest requirements:
- a. 61 or more pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - b. 41-60 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - c. 21-40 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - d. 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest must be observed.

Riverside/Bradford Baseball League
General Rules
(All Divisions)

25. A player may not pitch in more than one game in one day.
26. **A pitcher who delivers 40 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.**
27. The manager and/or scorekeeper must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either manager or any umpire. However, the manager is responsible for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed. The total pitches for each pitcher must be entered in the scorebook. The scorebook will be used to determine the pitching eligibility in a subsequent game or games. **PITCH COUNTS WILL BE CONFIRMED BY BOTH TEAMS AT THE COMPLETION OF EACH HALF INNING.**
28. The manager and/or scorekeeper should inform the umpire-in-chief when a pitcher has delivered his/her maximum limit of pitches for the game. However, the failure by the scorekeeper to notify the umpire-in-chief, and/or the failure of the umpire-in-chief to notify the manager, does not relieve the manager of his/her responsibility to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible. Violation of any section of Rules 22 thru 26 can result in protest of the game in which it occurs. Protests shall be made in accordance with LL Playing Rules (see LL rule 4.19).
29. **All playoff games consist of six innings (seven innings in the RB13 division) and will be played to their completion.**