

Wood Bat League

2007 Operating Rules

19 & Over Age Division

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 1) No team shall have more than five players that have played professional baseball. All professional players who need to be reinstated into amateur status must be reinstated by July 1 to be eligible for play.
- 2) NCAA rules prohibit a team from having more than four players from any NCAA college baseball team.
- 3) A player must appear in at least three league games to be eligible for post season play.

TEAM COMPOSITION AND PARTICIPATION

There is a limit of 25 players for each team roster. Players may appear on only one roster and cannot participate on more than one team. There must be base coaches in the coaches boxes when the team is batting (one at first and one at third).

EQUIPMENT

Only official league bats may be used in league play. First offense for illegal bat is a warning and the player will be sent back to obtain a league bat. Second offense the player will be called out. Third offense the player will be ejected and the team will be fined \$25 for each future infraction. Each team will provide two new official stamped league baseballs per game. All players must wear complete uniforms; coaches in the field coaching boxes should have complete uniforms or a uniform shirt and coaching shorts.

GAME LENGTH

- 1) Seven innings constitute a complete game. The teams will flip for home team privilege, and in double headers, the visiting team

from the first game will be home team for the second. All games will have a two hour and 15 minute time limit. No inning may start after the time limit, and games will be declared complete unless tied; those games will be played until a winner is determined. Games shortened by weather will be considered complete after five innings. All games not complete will be suspended and resumed from that exact point.

2) There will be a mercy rule of eight runs after five innings.

3) The umpire is the official time keeper.

FORFEITS

There is a 15-minute grace period on week night games. The second game of a double header will be declared a forfeit 20 minutes after the first game forfeit. Example: 6:00 game - 1st forfeit 6:15 - 2nd forfeit 6:35. The forfeiting team will be responsible for paying \$90.00 for umpires unless the game is cancelled three hours prior to game time.

POST SEASON

The team with the best win-loss record will be declared the league champion.

Tie breakers: 1) head-to-head; 2) play off

There will be a post season tournament champion established by a double elimination tournament played last week of July. Teams will be seated by their finish in league play.

RESCHEDULED GAMES

1) Each team will be responsible for rescheduling incomplete games or games that were not played because of weather or other uncontrollable factors. Rainouts will be suspended and resumed from that exact point. These changes should be reported to the league umpires and the Sandlotter.

2) Scheduled games may not be rescheduled for other reasons without notification of the league commissioner.

3) Scheduled games not played will count as a 1/2 win and 1/2 loss for each team.

UMPIRES, HOME TEAM

The cost for umpires should be evenly shared by both teams at each double header event.. The pay schedule is as follows: seven-inning game \$45.00 per umpire per game. If an umpire arrives for a game or is not notified of a rainout, forfeiture, or cancellation, then teams should pay for one game only. Rain out and suspended games are to finished by the same umpires when the games are rescheduled (umpires should be paid on the initial meeting - not the rescheduled date), or arrangements must be made for substitute umpires. Umpires should be paid between games of each double header or immediately after a single game.

DESIGNATED HITTER

We are utilizing the American League designated hitter.

REENTRY

Starters may re-enter one time. They must enter the batting order at the same place in the order.

NO SPEEDUP

You cannot run for the pitcher or catcher as per college rules.

SCORE KEEPER

Each team is responsible for having a scorekeeper at each game. Both teams are required to turn in individual stats to the official league statistician within 24 hours of the completion of the game.

POST GAME

Both teams are required to clean up the dugout and bleacher areas after Both teams are required to clean up the dugout and bleacher areas after games. We are guests at these facilities, and we must help with things in order to continue using them. A \$25.00 fine will be imposed on teams that fail to comply with these requests.

