

HIAWATHA KIDS LEAGUE RULES
Boys/Girls Machine Pitch & Majors Tournament Rules

1. Game Length

- Machine Pitch will play 4 innings. **No new inning will start after 50 minutes of play.**
- Boys Majors will play 6 innings. **No new inning will start after 1 hour and 40 minutes of play.**
- Girls Majors will play 5 innings. **No new inning will start after 1 hour and 40 minutes of play.**
- All “Non-Championship” games will be completed within the time limit described above. Tiebreaker rules described in the general rules will apply. Home team does not bat in final inning if they are leading.
- The 10 run “Mercy Rule” will be in effect after 5 innings for Major Boys.
- The 10 run “Mercy Rule” will be in effect after 4 innings for Major Girls.
- The 10 run “Mercy Rule” will be in effect after 6 innings for Seniors.
- All Championship Games will be played as complete games (no time limit). The “Mercy Rule” is still in effect.

2. Pitching Limits - Note for all pitchers, one pitch thrown to a batter of the opposing team will count as an inning pitched.

- Majors Girls- Each pitcher can record up to 4 innings per game but not more than 6 innings per day.
- Majors Boys-Each pitcher can record up to 3 innings per game but not more than 5 innings per day.

Any team that allows a pitcher to exceed the league maximum innings pitched will forfeit any games played. Coaches that allow a pitcher to exceed the maximum will be suspended for a minimum of 2 games.

3. Coin Flip will decide who will be the home team.

4. Umpires will announce the **official game start time** and request the official Scorekeeper to record the time in the official scorebook.

5. The HKL Tiebreaker Rule will be used when necessary.

6. Coaches may appeal a disputed call, but the umpire’s decision is still final. **No protests allowed.**

7. Players, Coaches or fans ejected from the tournament games will be asked to leave for the remainder of the tournament.

8. **No Infield warmups on the diamonds before games or between innings.**

9. **Pre-Game warm-ups will be done in the outfield (Grass area only).**

10. Scoring limits are the same as a regular season game (5 runs per inning).

Machine Pitch – 4th inning is unlimited runs

Boys Majors – 6th inning is unlimited runs

Girls Majors – 5th inning is unlimited runs

11. No team conferences allowed on the field due to time restraints. Coaches are limited to 2 visits to the pitcher's mound per game. Note: A pitching change is not considered a mound visit.

12. If a rule is not listed, HKL General Rules apply.

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