



Playoff Rules

2.5. Playoff Rules (The following rules apply to games within the season ending "Playoff" Tournaments only)

- 2.5.1. Game times in the initial rounds of the playoffs will be consistent with the established times of the regular season as per division rules with the below noted exceptions:
- 2.5.2. Playoff games cannot end in a tie.
- 2.5.3. If the score is NOT tied at the earlier of:
 - (a) the conclusion of the regulation number of innings; or,
 - (b) the expiration of the time allotted for the game,The winner will be determined based on the score at the conclusion of the last compete inning.
- 2.5.4. If the score is tied at either:
 - (a) the conclusion of the regulation number of innings,
 - (b) the expiration of the time allotted for the game; or,
 - (c) the score based upon the reversion to the end of the last compete inning,The game shall continue until a winner is determined.
- 2.5.5. If a tie game is continued and there is no game scheduled to begin immediately after that game, play will continue past the expiration of the time allotted for that game until a winner is determined or no later than the earlier of:
 - (a) 10 minutes before the next game on that field is scheduled to start; or,
 - (b) 9:50 pm.
- 2.5.6. If a game is tied or the visiting team has assumed the lead in the top half of the current inning at the time established above, the game will be suspended. Managers of both teams shall confer with respect to the current status of the game regarding: score, inning, batter, base runners, outs, count, and batting order. Managers shall sign their opponent's scorebook to indicate their agreement with respect to the status of the game reflected therein.
- 2.5.7. Suspended games shall resume at the time and location designated by the league.
 - (a) The score, inning, batter, base runners, outs, count, and batting order shall be the same as it was at the time the game was suspended.
 - (b) Any players who were not in the lineup at the time play was suspended who are present at the resumed game shall be placed at the end of the batting order.
 - (c) Any players who were in the lineup at the time the game was suspended who are not present when play is resumed will be skipped in the batting order. No out shall be recorded for skipping a player who is not present at the time of the resumed game.



- (d) The player who was on the mound at the last time his/her team was last in the field prior to the game being suspended may continue to pitch.
- (e) No other player who previously appeared in the game as a pitcher may pitch in the resumed game.
- (f) All rules with regard to day(s) of rest for pitchers shall continue to apply.

2.6. Mercy Rule

- 2.6.1. Applies in all initial rounds of the playoffs in all divisions as stated in the specific division rules.
- 2.6.2. Applies to the Rookie Softball division in all rounds of the playoffs including the Semi-Final and Championship rounds.
- 2.6.3. Does not apply to the Semi-Final games and Championship games (managers please exercise sportsmanship); however, the game can be ended with the agreement of both managers. (Please note the exception of the above Mercy Rule #2.6.2).

2.7. No New Inning Rule

- 2.7.1. Applies in all initial rounds of the playoffs in all divisions as stated in the specific division rules.
- 2.7.2. Does not apply to the Semi-Final¹ games and Championship games; whereas the games will be played to the completion of innings as established within the specific division rules.
- 2.7.3. In the situation of rain or “lights out” policy the Semi-Final or Championship game will follow the Suspended game rules above.

2.8. Inning Run Rules

- 2.8.1. Any division, in which a run per inning limited is established, will be modified for Semi-Final and Championship rounds of the playoffs to include the provision that; unlimited runs will be allowed to be scored in the last inning and any extra innings played.

¹ For the purpose of league play, a “Semi-Final” game is considered to be the game prior to the Championship Game; whereas, the loser of the game will be terminated and the winner advances.



2.9. Game Time/Length

- 2.9.1. Game time/length will be recognized as stated within the specific Rules of each division.
- 2.9.2. The “No New Inning” time will be established during the ground rules meeting. In the instance of coaches/players that are not ready for the scheduled start time, the “No New Inning Time” will be measured from the games scheduled start time.
- 2.9.3. In the case of umpire tardiness, the “No New Inning Time” will be initiated from the actual start time of the game; established at the ground rules meeting.
- 2.9.4. All Semi-Final and Championship games shall be played to completion with no restrictions of time.

2.10. Team Rosters

- 2.10.1 Only members of the official team roster are permitted to participate on offense or defense for all teams during “Playoff” tournament play. Borrowed players and/or Substitutions are prohibited.
- 2.10.2 A player must play in 55% of the regular season recreation games in order to participate in the post season and all noted standards of **Rule 2.1.18** of the **Player Participation Rule**.

2.11. Playoff Tournament Seeding/Home Teams

- 2.11.1. At the end of the season, standings will be determined by win/loss record. In the event of a tie in the standings, the following rules will apply:
 - 1-Best record head to head competition
 - 2-Run differential in head to head competition
 - 3-Fewest runs allowed.
 - 4-Highest run differential (10 run per game max)
 - 5-Coin Flip
- 2.11.2 Best seed will be home team, except in division whereas seeding was by random draw.

2.12. Random Draw Divisions

- 2.12.1 In random draw division a coin flip will decide home field in the initial rounds. The coordinators will supervise the random draw.
- 2.12.2 In all subsequent rounds a “winner” will have home field advantage over a “Loser”.
- 2.13.3 In the case of a “Winner” v “Winner” or a “Loser” v “Loser” then a coin toss will take place prior to the game.