



SPECIFIC RULES FOR NATIONAL

- A.** Six innings are played
- B.** It is the intention of the Board that all players experience a variety of positions. However, each available player, **but not** including call up players, must play a minimum of two innings in the infield and two innings in the outfield during each game, with both being satisfied prior to the end of the 5th inning. A player sitting on the bench will be an allowable substitution only for satisfying the outfield requirement. The pitcher and catcher will be considered infielders for the purposes of this rule. This rule may be waived by the coach or by the parent or guardian of a specific player only with League Director's approval. Approval must be granted prior to the start of the season. Any such waiver should be an exception occurrence only and only occur if it is clear that the player will be safer playing only in the outfield. **The Senior League is exempt from this requirement.**
- C.** All available team players will bat in order, regardless of the starting defensive line up. Every player on the roster will be assigned a position in the batting order and will bat in that order during the entire game even though he/she may not be in the game defensively. Thus, defensive substitutions may be made freely with the constraint that no player may sit out two defensive innings more than any other player.
- D.** When a rule, such as bunting, the infield fly rule, balks, stealing of home, outfield positioning, etc., is put into effect for any league, it shall be invoked for all higher leagues.
- E.** The Major League shall be played on a regulation little league diamond. The American league will be played on a 70-foot diamond. The National and Senior Leagues shall be played on a regulation 90-foot diamond.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN.

SPECIFIC RULES OF PLAY FOR NATIONAL LEAGUE

- A.** Should the absence of regular team players result in fewer players being present than allowed on the field of play, an official player from the next lower league may be added to the official roster for that game. The temporary player is subject to the following restrictions:

1. The temporary player cannot pitch and must be assigned to the last position in the batting order.

2. If the temporary player is the 10th available player, he/she will occupy the 10th spot in the batting order and must play defensively for a minimum of six outs. A temporary player who is the 10th available player is not subject to the minimum infield/outfield rules contained in Article Twelve. In no event shall any team field more than 10 players through the use of call ups. If a regular player is injured or otherwise unable to continue to play, the temporary player may then participate without restriction.

3. A late arriving regular roster player must enter the game for the temporary player once the temporary player has batted once and played defensively for six outs. The Coach may, if for disciplinary reasons, use his/her discretion as to when the late arriving regular roster player enters the game.

4. Any temporary player should be called up from the assigned American league teams. If no appropriate player is available from the assigned teams, a player may be called up from any other American league team. If a player is used from other than the assigned teams, the League Director must be notified immediately after the completion of the game in which such player is used. Permission must also be obtained from a parent or guardian of the player. If permission is not obtained, the player cannot play.

B. Pitching Rules:

1. The rules are exactly as defined in the Senior League Rule Book except that the pitching week will begin on Monday and end on Sunday. Pitching rules outlined in these By-Laws will apply to both House and Travel Leagues combined, during the House League Season. If a player pitches three (3) innings or less, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed. If a player pitches in four (4) or more innings, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed. A player may pitch in a maximum of six (6) innings in a calendar week (Monday through Sunday). Travel pitchers may pitch a total of nine (9) innings, House and Travel combined. subject to the proviso that all scheduled Travel League games and tournaments take precedence, and are to be given priority, over House League games (both regular season and playoff) in terms of Travel player pitcher availability. Travel player pitching availability will be noted in a weekly emailed Travel Pitching report to House League coaches which must be adhered to per the criteria and intent noted above. Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched in an inning. For example:

If a player is pitched and is still eligible in four or more that player can pitch

innings on:

again on:

Monday

Friday

Tuesday

Saturday

Wednesday

Sunday

Thursday

Monday

Friday

Tuesday

Saturday

Wednesday

Sunday

Thursday

2. The balk rule will be applied.

C. Standings will be kept and playoffs held.