

2010 Bedford House Rule Changes

1. **All rules pertaining to play in all baseball leagues will follow current games will be played under the current regulations of the National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS) Baseball Rules and special modifications and provisions contained in this, or future memorandums.**
2. **PLAYING FIELD:**
 - a. Major: 70' bases / 50'6" mound
 - b. Pony: 80' bases / 54' mound
 - c. Colt: 90' bases / 60'6" mound
3. **AGES:** Participants cannot be an older age in each league before April 30th
 - a. Major: Ages 11-12
 - b. Pony: Ages 13-14
 - c. Colt: Ages: 15-17
4. Malicious contact and collisions where the sole attempt of the runner is to create contact to knock the ball loose from a defender is illegal and warrants an automatic out. The judgment of the umpire as to the severity could result in the expulsion of the offending player from the game. To avoid a violent collision, runners are encouraged to slide.
5. All ejections hold a mandatory two game suspension, the current game and the next scheduled game. However, all ejections will be reviewed by the League Commissioners and could hold a heavier penalty for serious infractions.
6. An umpire's report on individuals (head coaches, assistant coaches, players and/or spectators) ejected from the game or playing area, must be on file at the Recreation Department the same day of the incident. If the report is not filed in the allotted time, then the umpire will not be scheduled to work any games until the report is on file at the Recreation Department.
7. When a player who has left the game is scheduled to bat and a substitute is not available, an out shall be declared for the first at bat only. All following at bats for the missing player are skipped. When a player is ejected from a game and a substitute is not available, an out shall be declared every at bat for that ejected player.
 - a. **EXCEPTIONS:** Batters cannot be out for being permanently removed from the game due to sickness or injury sustained in the course of the game.
8. A team will be credited with a win automatically:
 - a. **MAJOR:** if a team commands a lead of 15 runs after four innings or 10 runs after 5 innings.
 - b. **PONY & COLT:** if a team commands a lead of 10 runs after 5 innings.
9. All teams must have a coach or representative notify the BRD with the following information within 24 hours concluding a game:
 - a. Score

- b. Major & Pony: Pitchers who pitched more than 2 innings
 - c. Colt: Pitchers and their number of innings
 - d. Any injuries or points of interest
 - e. Contact: (440) 735-6574 or sgnoddie@bedfordrecreation.net
 - f. Score, standings, and pitching will be available on www.bedfordrecreation.net
10. Mandatory Inning Rule: The length of field play that is mandatory for each player is THREE FULL INNINGS
- a. In the event that the game is terminated before the regulation number of innings are completed, the mandatory participation rule will not apply. Coaches are encouraged to start these players the next game.
 - b. A player who is injured or has to leave the game will not be included in mandatory inning rule.
 - c. Failure to comply with the mandatory inning rule will result in forfeiture of the game if opposing manager submits proof of the violation.
11. Teams must have at least nine players to start and eight players to finish a game.
12. Any game tied or which cannot continue because of inclement weather, darkness, safety of players in question, etc. shall be suspended or ruled a complete game.
- a. If game is an official game then it will be recorded as such. Score reverts back to last complete inning when game is called in middle of inning.
 - b. Reschedules will be replayed from that point when the game was suspended.
 - c. Should the teams not be scheduled to meet again, the suspended game will not be played unless it has a bearing on the final standings.
13. PROTESTS: There will NOT be any board to hear protests. All rule violations will be corrected at time they are violated.
- a. All Head Coaches and umpires will carry rule books.
 - b. If there is no rule or written information regarding a protest situation, the Head Coaches has 3 minutes to correct the error or the game will continue.
14. BEDFORD: Cancellation of games will be determined by Commissioner or game umpire if Commissioner not available. Commissioner determines game playable if temperature and/or field conditions, weather, etc. is suitable for the safety of the individuals involved.
- a. RAIN-OUT LINE: (440) 735-6574. A phone recording will be turned on by 4:30pm of day in question.
 - b. Field conditions also posted online: www.bedfordrecreation.net
15. GARFIELD HEIGHTS: Cancellation of games will be determined by Commissioner or Head Coaches. The individual who determines the playability MUST contact a Bedford Commissioner and the Garfield Commissioner.
16. Borrowing Players: In the event a manager cannot field the minimum amount of players needed to start a game, a manager may borrow from a borrow list of players. All younger, first year players will be placed into a borrowing pool. Second year players in the previous

league are also eligible but will not be listed. The GHBL and BRD Commissioners will create this list prior to the season.

- a. Each player may be borrowed only once during the season by each team, including playoffs.
- b. In the event a borrowing manager can field enough players of his or her own, borrowing player shall play a maximum of three innings and shall not start a game.
- c. A borrowed player may not pitch.
- d. A borrowed player must play a minimum of two innings in the field.
- e. In the event of extra innings, all regular players must be returned to the lineup.

2010 Majors Rule Changes

17. Time Limit: No inning shall start after the two hour mark on a lighted field. No 6:00pm start shall start another inning after 8:30pm.
18. BOYS MAJOR: 7 innings; losing team must bat at least 5 innings to be an official game.
19. The dropping of a third strike is a live ball. A batter may steal first base when the base is unoccupied with less than two outs.
20. Pitchers are restricted to a maximum of four innings in any one game. One pitch constitutes an inning pitched. In extra inning games, the pitching rule still applies.
21. Any pitcher who is used more than two innings is ineligible to pitch the next game. Pitchers who pitch 2 innings or less are eligible to pitch in the next game.
22. A pitcher cannot re-enter the game as a pitcher.
23. There is no continuous batting order. Teams may bat nine players or ten players with an AH (Additional Hitter).
24. Additional Hitter Rule: This will be a 10th position in the batting order. This position can be rotated among players but does not affect the batting order. Even though the AH is a position, each player must participate on the field for the minimum of three innings.
25. Once the pitcher has stepped on the rubber with the ball, runners who leave the base before the pitched ball reaches or passes the catcher shall be called out and the pitch is considered a dead ball. Each team may be granted one warning.
26. Baserunners may steal bases, but may not leave the base that they are occupying at the time of the pitch until the ball has reached or passed the catcher. Baserunners may steal all bases, including home plate. However, once the pitcher has stepped on the rubber with a ball, the runner may not leave their current base and a runner must commit or return to a base without hesitation.
27. Re-Entry Rule: A starting player may be removed from a game in progress for a substitute and may re-enter that game later on.
 - a. Only a starting player may re-enter a game.
 - b. A player must re-enter for the substitute that replaced him.
 - c. A player re-entering may go to a different position in the field but would occupy his original place in the batting order.
 - d. A player who is a substitute at the beginning of the game who then enters the game and is then removed is not entitled to re-enter.

2010 Pony Rule Changes

28. Time Limit: No inning shall start after the two hour mark on a lighted field. No 6:00pm start shall start another inning after 8:30pm.
29. BOYS PONY: 7 innings; losing team must bat at least 5 innings to be an official game.
30. Pitchers are restricted to a maximum of five innings in any one game. One pitch constitutes an inning pitched. In extra inning games, the pitching rule still applies.
31. A pitcher cannot re-enter the game as a pitcher.
32. Any pitcher who is used more than two innings is ineligible to pitch the next game. Pitchers who pitch 2 innings or less are eligible to pitch in the next game.
33. There is no continuous batting order. Teams may bat nine players or ten players with an AH (Additional Hitter).
34. Additional Hitter Rule: This will be a 10th position in the batting order. This position can be rotated among players but does not affect the batting order. Even though the AH is a position, each player must participate on the field for the minimum of three innings.
35. Teams must use drop three bats.
36. Players may only wear rubber cleats.
37. Re-Entry Rule: A starting player may be removed from a game in progress for a substitute and may re-enter that game later on.
 - a. Only a starting player may re-enter a game.
 - b. A player must re-enter for the substitute that replaced him.
 - c. A player re-entering may go to a different position in the field but would occupy his original place in the batting order.
 - d. A player who is a substitute at the beginning of the game who then enters the game and is then removed is not entitled to re-enter.

2010 Colt Rule Changes

38. Pitchers are restricted to 10 innings a week. Inning counts reset on Mondays.
39. Pitchers are restricted to 7 innings in one game. One pitch constitutes an inning.
40. A pitcher cannot re-enter the game as a pitcher.
41. Teams must use drop three bats.
42. Players can wear rubber or metal cleats.
43. Time Limit: No inning shall start after two and a half hours.
44. BOYS COLT: 7 innings; losing team must bat at least 5 innings to be an official game.
45. Re-Entry Rule: A starting player may be removed from a game in progress for a substitute and may re-enter that game later on.
 - a. Only a starting player may re-enter a game.
 - b. A player must re-enter for the substitute that replaced him.
 - c. A player re-entering may go to a different position in the field but would occupy his original place in the batting order.
 - d. A player who is a substitute at the beginning of the game who then enters the game and is then removed is not entitled to re-enter.