

PREMIER BASEBALL CONFERENCE

LEAGUE RULE BOOK

Open Bases: MLB Rules
Closed Bases: Little League Rules
* See Below for Modifications

SCHEDULE:

- Schedules will be made by the Premier Baseball Conference.
- Each team must play all games on schedule (weather permitting)
- Teams can schedule outside tournaments if league play has been satisfied
- All League games will count toward the playoffs.

ROSTERS:

- 9U-14U: Due July 10th
- Players must meet age eligibility requirements (May 1st)
- A player can only be on one roster. If a team is short a player, they can use another player from your program, but they can only play up. In the playoffs, you can only use players on one roster.

MERCY RULE:

- 9U-12U: 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4.
- 13U-14U: 15 runs after 3 & 4 innings, 10 runs after 5.
- Home team always gets their last at bat if needed.

INNINGS:

- 9U-12U: 6 innings. (Official game is 4 innings)
- 13U-14U: 7 innings. (Official game is 4 innings)

PITCHING RULES:

- Home Team will be responsible for tracking pitches.
- The PBC will adopt the Pitch Smart Guidelines. <https://www.mlb.com/pitch-smart/pitching-guidelines>
- There is one balk warning per pitcher for the 10U Division in the month of April. There will be no warnings for ages 11U-14U.
- If a balk is called then the play is dead. Each base-runner moves up one base.
- The 3rd to 1st pickoff is illegal. It is considered a balk.

BAT RULES/RESTRICTIONS:

- 9U-13U all divisions: USA Stamped Bats Only
- 14U - 17U Division: BBCOR -3 Bats or Wood Bats

BASEBALLS/RESTRICTIONS:

- Rawlings is the Official Baseball of the Premier Baseball Conference

REPORTING SCORES

- Scores must be reported no later than Tuesday of each week.

CLEATS:

- 9U-12U: Plastic/Molded cleats.
- 13U-18U: Metal or Molded cleats.

UMPIRES:

- Home Teams responsible for scheduling umpires.
- Teams will split cost of umpires.

OPEN & CLOSED BASES:

- 9U: 46ft mound, 60ft bases no leading.
- 10U Division1: 46ft mound, 65ft bases leading and stealing.
- 10u D1A: 46ft mound, 60ft bases no leading.
- 11U-12U: 50ft mound, 70ft bases leading and stealing.
- 13U-14U: 60.6ft mound, 90ft bases leading and stealing.

SUBSTITUTION/RE-ENTRY:

- Re-entry rule. A player who has been substituted for can only re-enter one time during a game and only for the same player that went in for them.
- Re-entry for a pitcher: In the event a pitcher is substituted with a pinch-runner or hitter, the pitcher may re-enter the game immediately as the pitcher if no other pitcher has been used.

BATTING ORDER:

- The batting order must consist of at least 9 players. Teams can use an EH and a DH in the same line-up. Teams also have the option of using as many EH's as they want.
- If a player is injured while using a continuous batting order and that players spot in the batting order comes up, an out is recorded and then they can continue with the batting order.
- A team must have game 9 players to start and finish a game.

COURTESY RUNNER:

- Courtesy runners can be used for the catcher with 2 outs. It must be someone from the bench who is not in the game. If that is not an option, the last batted out may be the courtesy runner as well.

INTENTIONAL WALKS:

- Coaches will let the umpire know that they are walking the hitter. Pitches will not need to be thrown.

STANDINGS:

- All league games will count. Winning percentage will decide rank.

PLAYOFF SYSTEM:

- All teams will make the playoffs. Winning percentage will decide playoff positioning.
- Playoffs will be in a double elimination format.

DIVISIONS:

- Each PBC organization will determine where teams are placed in each division
- Extra Inning (TIE-BREAKER SYSTEM): If a game is tied after all innings have been completed, the "Tie-Breaker" will go into effect. Each team will start with runners at 2nd and 3rd base with one out. The last 2 batters from the previous innings are the base runners. This will continue until you get a winner