

Traveling Baseball Rules - Exceptions

The basic rules follow National Federation of High Schools Athletics and the Metro baseball system. See the basic rule sheet for those. THE EXCEPTIONS ARE LISTED BELOW are league approved base on age and skill considerations.

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TRAVELING AGE LEVEL		
9-10	11	12

THE GAME

Complete Game	6 innings
Extra innings allows	Weather conditions and sunlight permitted.
Ten Run Rule (After 4 1/2 innings)	Yes - Losing Team must have batted 5 times.

PITCHING

Distance to	Feet	
Pitching Rubber to Plate (Back	46	52
Base Paths	60	65
Curve balls allowed	No	Yes
If curve thrown	1st offense - Dead ball, 2nd - Dead ball and a ball, 3rd - pitcher cannot pitch	n/a
Balks called	No - Unless runner picked off	Yes
Fake pitches	Balk	
Pitch limit per game - Gopher State	75 pitches	85 pitches
Pitcher inning limit - Metro Baseball	2 innings per game	Max 4 innings per week

BATTING

Bat Length (Max)	36 inches
Differential (Max)	Unlimited
Maximum diameter of bat in inches	2.75
Differential if max. diameter is 2 1/4 "	Unlimited
Strike Zone	Armpit to the knees - where it cross the plate, not where the batter is standing
	Any part of the black edge of home plate
Dropped Third Strike - Able to Run	No
Runners allowed to advance, including home	Yes
Other runners advance at own risk	Yes
Continuous batting of order	Yes
Free substitution	Anytime

BASE RUNNING

Lead Off	After the ball crosses the plate	After ball leaves pitchers hand	Anytime
Stealing Home on passed ball	Yes		
Stealing - subject to leading off rules above	Anytime		
Courtesy Runner for Catcher	Anytime		
Courtesy Runner for Catcher	Last player to be put out, Catcher must have caught previous inning and catch next inning		
Stealing Home on passed ball	Yes		

FIELDING & RUNNING

BASES AWARDED ON OVER THROW - Ball goes out of play		
Pick off play (Pitcher to 1st)	1 base	
Thrown from Infield	2 from start of play	
Thrown from Outfield	2 from time ball leaves hand	
Metal Spikes Allowed	No	

Reasonable rule interpretation discussions permitted. Interpretation or questions of doubt - the umpires have the final call.

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