

Traveling Baseball Rules - Exceptions

The basic rules follow National Federation of High Schools Athletics & the Metro Baseball League. See the basic rule sheet for those. THE EXCEPTIONS ARE LISTED BELOW.

As of March 11, 2018

Ages		
13	14	15 - 19

THE GAME	
Complete Game	7 innings
Extra innings allows	If no other games on same field, weather conditions and sunlight permitted.
Ten Run Rule (After 4 1/2 innings)	Yes, Losing Team must have batted 5 times

PITCHING	
Distance to Pitching Rubber to Plate (Back tip)	Feet 52 - 54
Base Paths	Feet 60.5
Curve balls allowed	Yes
If curve thrown	n /a
Balks called	Yes
Pitch limit per game - Gopher State	95
Pitcher inning limit - Metro Baseball	3 per Game per Week
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	14-15 Yr Old - A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 7 innings per game, 8 innings per week

BATTING	
Bat Length (Max)	36 inches
Differential (Max)	- 10
Maximum diameter of bat in inches	2.75
Differential if max. diameter is 2 1/4 "	Unlimited
Strike Zone (Consistency is the key)	Armpit to the knees - where it cross the plate, not where the batter is standing
	One ball wide on each side of black part of home plate
Dropped Third Strike - Able to Run	Yes
Runner at third cannot advance	Yes
Other runners advance at own risk	Yes
Continuous batting of order	Yes
Free substitution	Anytime

BASE RUNNING	
Metal Spikes Allowed	Yes
Lead Off	Anytime
Courtesy Runner for Catcher	Yes
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Stealing Home or passed ball	Yes
Stealing Conditions	Anytime

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

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

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