



### **Indoor Winter RULES For Leagues and Pool Play**

1. Teams will be allotted approximately 30 minutes of warm-up time in new warm up area. Coaches may agree to start earlier by mutual consent. The League Director maintains the right to delay or shorten the schedule if necessary due to unforeseen circumstances. Teams must be ready to start the game on the scheduled time. Umpires will start the clock at the designated time unless the League Director adjusts.  
Teams are expected to leave the bench area and fields as soon as possible after their game ends. Any post game meeting should be held in communal areas outside the fields.
2. **RAW ceiling and boundary rules. See separate Document. These rules will be provided and available at the front desk.**
3. Teams start and play with 8 players without an out being charged for ninth spot in the batting order. If a team drops below 8 players, an OUT will be charged for missing spot in the batting order. batter. Injured players, removed from the game can return only under the substitution rules (if someone replaced them in the game). A late arriving player may; 1. Be added to the bottom of the batting order, 2. Be used as a substitute for a player in the game or 3. Be used as a substitute for a player removed for an injury. If #3 applies, the removed injured play may return under the substitution rules.
4. **RUN AHEAD RULE:** Mercy Rule is; 10 runs after 3 innings.
5. **GAME ENDINGS:** The game will end 65 minutes. If the Mercy Rule is reached or four innings completed (3 ½ with home team ahead) that WILL Be the final score. If the Mercy Rule or four innings has not reached at 65 minutes, the score shall be determined by reverting to the last full inning score. Team shall be permitted to play the full 65 minutes in any event as this is an instructional and development program. Umpires will not allow for stalling.
6. **BATTING ORDER:** Teams may bat your Roster or use the DP/FLEX. Shorthanded rules will apply should you drop below the number you started with.
7. **COURTESY RUNNERS:** A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher or catcher of record. A courtesy runner shall be an eligible substitute (who is not in the games), or the last batted out. Should the last recorded out be the pitcher or catcher under this rule, the "last batted out" backs-up until a non-pitcher/catcher is reached. A courtesy runner for both the pitcher and catcher in the same inning.
8. Any rule not specified covered in this rule sheet will be covered by the NFHS rule book. No appeals are permitted in pool games.
9. The decision of the league committee on all protest will be final.

**The league committee reserves the right to alter/change any rule at any time without advance notice. Should such a change be necessary, you will be notified A.S.A.P.**

**We hope you enjoy the league and wish you all the best with one reminder; we appreciate your participation and competitive spirit but, please always keep sportsmanship in mind.**