The Dysart Middle School Athletic League will use the 2018-2019 National Federation High School Associations Baseball Rule Book as the adopted publication for their Baseball Rules and Interpretations. Exceptions and highlights are listed below:

1. A student/athlete or coach, who is ejected from a game, will be suspended for one game. If the same student/athlete or coach is ejected a second time during the same season, they will be suspended for the remainder of the season. If the ejection occurs during the last game of the season, the suspension will carry over to the next season.
2. Teams consist of eighteen (18) players.

**The Playing Field**
- The diamond shall have 90-foot bases.
- The pitching distance shall be 60 feet, 6 inches.
- The pitching mound shall have an 18-foot diameter circle.

**Equipment**
- Any player may wear gloves, but only the catcher and first baseman may use mitts. The pitcher may not wear any items on the hands, wrists or arms that may be distracting to the batter.
- Metal spikes may not be worn.
- All catchers must wear facemasks, body protectors, shin guards, throat protectors and catcher’s helmets, even when pitchers are warming up.
- All players must wear a protective cup.

**Bats**
- The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) decided that 0.50 would be the maximum value a BBCOR bat could achieve. All BBCOR certified bats must also have a barrel diameter no greater than 2 5/8”, a length to weight ration no greater than -3 and a length that does not exceed 36”. All bats must be BBCOR certified.
- The BBCOR certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of ONE inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color.

**Players and Substitutes**
- Each of the two teams must start with nine (9) players.
- One or more of the players must be designated captain.
- A player, who is not listed as an eligible substitute on the lineup-card, shall not be prohibited from playing. A substitute may replace a player, including the pitcher, when the ball is dead or time has been called. The substitute or coach shall report, only at the time of the change, to the plate umpire by stating name and shirt number of the player entering the game for the first time or the player re-entering, the name of the player entering the game as a courtesy runner or being replaced in the batting order and the position to be occupied in the field if the player is not a courtesy runner.
  - The pitcher is no longer required to pitch until the first batter facing him has completed his turn at bat or the side has been retired.
  - A pitcher may be removed as a pitcher, moved to a different defensive position and return as a pitcher only once per inning provided the return as pitcher does not violate either the substitution or charged conference rule.
- The batting order remains the same throughout the game even though substitutions are made.
- A substitute shall not enter the contest unreported.
- Any player may be withdrawn from the game and re-entered once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever in the lineup. A violation results in illegal substitution.
- The team at bat may use a courtesy runner for the pitcher and/or the catcher at any time. Neither the pitcher nor the catcher will be required to leave the game under such circumstances. The same courtesy runner may not run
for both the pitcher and the catcher any time during the game. Players who are currently in the game or have participated in the game in any other are ineligible to serve as courtesy runners. Once the courtesy runner is designated for that half-inning, the pitcher or catcher for who he is running may not return to run while that courtesy runner is on base. A courtesy runner cannot run for a courtesy runner.

**Game**
- No inning shall start after a one hour and fifteen-minute time limit for Non-tournament games. The time limit shall begin at the time of the first pitch. First pitch should be five minutes after the teams arrive on the field. Warm-ups should be completed prior to game time. Any inning starting prior to the one hour and fifteen-minute time limit shall be completed.
- Each team, when on defense, may be granted not more than two charged conferences. Each team, when on offense, may be granted not more than one charged conference per inning. Time granted for an obviously incapacitated player shall not constitute a charged conference.
- Ten run rule after 3½ innings if the home team is winning. Ten run rule after the 4th inning if the visiting team is winning.
- A game ending in a tie shall go on the official standings as a tie game.
- A cancelled game shall not be rescheduled.
- The top eight (8) schools in the final league standings will be in the tournament.
- Ties for seeding into the tournament shall be settled by a coin toss.

**Scores**
- In non-tournament play, a game that is tied at the end of one hour and fifteen minutes of play shall stand as a tie.
- A six run rule during one inning is in effect.
- Tournament ties will be played off in extra innings.

**Batting**
- The plate umpire should always go over the ground rules (i.e. out of play areas, ground rules for a particular field) with both coaches prior to the game.
- Only official baseball bats will be used.
- Weighted attachments on the bat, including batting donuts, are illegal and shall not be used to warm up hitters.
- Batting helmets are to be worn at all times during batting and running. In addition, helmets must be worn while in the on-deck circle and while coaching a base.

**Pitching Restriction**
- Each pitcher is restricted to seven (7) innings per week.