

*\*\*A student/athlete or coach, who is ejected from a game, will be suspended for one full 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 playoffs or the next season, whichever one applies.*

### **Playing Field**

- The diamond shall have 90-foot bases.
- The pitching distance shall be 60 feet, 6 inches.

### **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. No jewelry is to be worn by any player.
- 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.
- Aluminum bats are *legal*. Max ratio will be up to -7.5, if athletes bring their own bats ratio must be legible.

### **Players and Substitutes**

- Each team must start with no less than nine (9) players.
- A free substitute runner can be used for the pitcher and catcher and not count as a substitution. This is done to speed up the game.
- Batting order must remain the same throughout the game even though substitutions are made.
- A team may use a designated hitter.
- Extra hitters/flex players are **not** allowed.

### **Game**

- The game length is six innings, with 3 ½ innings constituting a complete game due to weather, darkness or other unsafe playing conditions. Only the umpire may call the game before the six (6) innings are complete.
- 7 runs per inning (continuous), with a 1 hour & 45 minute time limit during the regular season. 10 run rule after 3 ½ innings in all conference playoff games (play-ins, semi-finals and finals).
- Extra inning tie breakers are not played during regular season games.
- The coaches will make two lineup cards, one for the umpire and one for the opposing team.
- Adult coaches can coach both coaching boxes.

- Each team will provide 3 game balls.

### **Scores**

- In **non-tournament play**, a game that is tied at the end of one hour and forty-five minutes of play shall stand as a tie.
- A **seven 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.
- Batting helmets are to be worn at all times during batting and running.
- All batters and base runners will wear approved batting helmets.

### **Pitching Restriction**

- See Bylaws for pitching restrictions.