

Anne Arundel Amateur Baseball

Association Standard Playing Rules - 2008

1. 10 run mercy rule after 5 innings (4 1/2 with the home team leading).
2. 5 innings (4 1/2 with the home team leading) constitutes an official game.
3. Any game stopped by weather prior to becoming official must be restarted in its entirety.
4. Any game stopped by weather in which the game is tied and five or more innings have been completed shall be a suspended game and will be restarted at the point of suspension. Additionally, if the visiting team takes a lead and the home team cannot complete its at bat in the inning that game shall also be suspended and restarted at the point of suspension.
5. Any game suspended by mechanical failure or curfew that has not reached the point of becoming an official game, will be restarted at the point of suspension.
6. Time Limit- No new inning will start after 2 hours 15 minutes from start of game. If game is tied and no game follows please try to complete.
7. Any game that is an official game but is stopped due to rain or darkness will revert back to the last completed inning. This will decide the winner, if tied the game will pick up where it was stopped.
8. Home team supplies 2 baseballs at the beginning of the game, others as requested. Exception: Cannon Stadium games, where each team will supply two baseballs at the beginning of the game and alternate others as requested.
9. Forfeit time is game time.
10. Major League Baseball Rules except as amended;
 - > In the event of injury/ejection the last substituted player may replace the injured/ejected player, as long as no legal substitutes remain on the bench. Teams using a EH can field 9 players defensively and have an "out" in the lineup if they have only 10 uniformed players at the game. If the injury/ejection causes either team to not be able to field 9 players "defensively", the game is terminated.
 - > Courtesy runner MAY be used for the CATCHER only and only with two outs in the inning. The courtesy runner shall only be the batter/runner who made the second out of the inning.
 - > Incidental contact is allowed. Malicious contact or obvious attempt to injure will warrant ejection.
 - > All bats must conform to the -3 ratio rule used in High Schools. BESR imprints are not required.
11. The manager has the choice of one of three scenarios before the game. The choice will be declared at the plate conference.
 - A. Manager may choose to play traditional nine man positions.
 - B. Manager may choose the designated hitter rule. (can DH for any player.)
 - C. Manager may choose an extra hitter(EH). Ten man batting order.
 - > Starters may re-enter the game once in the same position in the batting order.
 - > Original starting pitcher may return to mound (in same inning) only if that player assumes another defensive position on the field. If he is sent to the bench, he may not return to the mound. The new pitcher must complete one batter before the original pitcher can return to the mound.

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12. In case of forfeit, the forfeiting team is responsible for the entire umpire fee for the game. If you are not paid at the field you need to contact the scheduler and let them know. Do not argue with the coaches about money.

13. Umpire fees are \$55 per team.. If there is only one umpire then it would be \$40 per team. The show-up fee is \$15 per umpire, for a game that has not started due to weather or field conditions.

14. The county stipulates if there is thunder/lightning in the area that the game be suspended for a minimum of 30 minutes, and also stop the time limit. When all clears the umpire will re-start the time where stopped. If another clap or flash is seen or heard we would recommend suspending further play.

15. Behavior of coaches, players, and spectators has become a concern. Any ejection of a player, coach or manager will result in a minimum one game suspension effective for their next league game. AAUA umpires who are officiating any game where a game participant is ejected are required to fill out an incident report that day.