

# American League Rules 2008

- 1) A game requires a **MINIMUM** of 8 players to start and is constituted of 6 innings plus any extra.
- 2) Consecutive batting order. ***A 5 run limit per inning*** in innings 1 thru 5; unlimited run limit per inning in innings 6 and beyond. **THERE WILL BE NO CONTINUATION OF PLAY AFTER THE 5th RUN HAS SCORED.**
- 3) All players must play a minimum of 3 innings in the field and must be included in the batting order even if they are not assigned a field position.
- 4) Stealing of home is **NOT** permitted.
- 5) No baserunner may advance more than 1 base on any attempt to steal.
- 6) Each pitcher may pitch a maximum of 2 innings per game.
- 7) 1 pitch constitutes 1 inning pitched.
- 8) 2 trips to the mound per pitcher per inning. The pitcher must be replaced on the second trip to the mound.
- 9) No balks
- 10) Pitcher cannot be reinserted as a pitcher once he has been removed from the mound.
- 11) Pitchers are not permitted to wear white or gray sleeves during their time on the mound....**NO EXCEPTIONS**
- 12) No intentional walks.
- 13) If a pitcher hits 2 batters in any 1 inning or 3 in a game, he must be removed from the mound. However, if the umpire rules that a batter or batters did not make a sufficient attempt to avoid being hit, the umpire may award first base to the batter with out charging the pitcher with a hit batsman, or he may simply call a strike or ball.
- 14) Violation of pitching rules means automatic forfeit, with appeal process as in call-up rules.
- 15) No infield fly rule.
- 16) No head first slides, one team warning before next offender is ruled out; except in returning to a base.
- 17) 10 fielders in the field 4-outfielders, 4-infielders. pitcher & catcher.
- 18) Intentional "bowling over" fielder by a runner can cause immediate ejection if umpire so decides. Runner must attempt to slide to avoid a tag.
- 19) No leads, if a runner leaves early, umpire can send him back and replay pitch unless an out has been recorded and the defense wishes the play to stand.
- 20) No batter, after a walk, may advance to 2nd base until after the first pitch to the next batter.