

# National League Playing Rules 2008

- 1) A game is constituted of 6 innings plus any extra innings if needed.
- 2) Consecutive batting order.
- 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 permitted.
- 5) Pitching week runs Monday thru Sunday.
- 6) Pitchers may pitch an average of 3 innings per game for as many scheduled games the team has during a calendar week, but not more than 6 innings in any 1 game; if a pitcher pitches more than 3 innings in 1 game, 1 full calendar day of rest is required; ie more than 3 innings on Tuesday then cannot pitch again until Thursday: in the case of a doubleheader, pitcher can pitch three in the first game and six in the second game but still cannot exceed the average of three 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) Intentional walks permitted after the fourth inning, with at least one base open and one base occupied.
- 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.
- 15) Infield fly rule applies.
- 16) No head first slides, one team warning before next offender is ruled out. except in returning to a base.
- 17) Nine fielders in the field. 3-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 & replay the pitch unless an out has been recorded and the defense wishes the play to stand.

( REVISED JANUARY 2002 )

- 20) NO BATTER, AFTER A WALK, MAY ADVANCE TO SECOND BASE UNTIL AFTER THE FIRST PITCH TO THE NEXT BATTER (REVISED JANUARY 2007)