



**NORTH JEFFERSON JUNIOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION**

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**Fall Baseball League**

**Fall Baseball 2021**

**Rules and General Game Management 8/24/2021**

\*\*Please go over game ground rules with the opposing coach before each game. The Fall League is Instructional please go over these rules and any game variations/decisions before the game. Since there is a mix of teams and age groups, decide ahead of time on base distances, stealing, leading off (mostly for the younger kid pitch teams 8/9 year-olds) and anything else you want to discuss. Let's keep the atmosphere relaxed and in a learning mode. More than likely you will need to change/check pitching and base distances before the game so have a tape measure to do that. The Parks & Rec's Departments may prep the fields once before all games are played, that will be it. We try to schedule games for teams of the same age on the same fields to avoid having to make changes, but sometimes you may need to change the base/pitching rubber distance.

**General Rules for Fall Games:**

Play normal spring rules (RMJBL/USSSA), with the exception of:

Link to USSSA Rules: [https://www.ussa.com/docs/2021/ussa\\_bb\\_rules\\_2021.pdf](https://www.ussa.com/docs/2021/ussa_bb_rules_2021.pdf)

Link to NJ and RMJBL rules <https://www.njjba.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2673281>

This includes Pitch Smart Guidelines, however we will not report pitch counts, this is up to each coach as we already have a 2 inning limit per pitcher.

- 1) Each team supplies a new game ball to the umpire at the start of the game (Have a 2<sup>nd</sup> new ball or good ball in reserve)
- 2) Pitchers (9-14) can only pitch 2 innings in a game
- 3) Catchers can only catch 3 innings per game
- 4) No more than 5 runs allowed by a team in any inning. Once you reach 5 runs, switch sides
- 5) NO RUN RULES, so play the full 1:45 or 6/7 innings (depending on age), 1:30 or 6 innings for 8U Machine Pitch/8U Kid Pitch Games. There are no mercy rules in Fall, use your discretion and if your team is clearly overmatching the other team, work on other plays, don't pitch your best pitcher, etc...
- 6) Be responsible adults, you can keep score but we don't keep standings.
- 7) Go over ground rules before the games and come to an understanding about how you want the game to be played (stealing, leading off for younger teams, etc). Talk it out with the opposing coach and the umpires. Come to an agreement on rules. Some teams are moving into new rules and trying to teach the game plus new rules such as stealing, leading off, etc. Also, for 13U/14U if there is a player who is struggling with bat size, please decide and agree at home prior to the game if there will be bat weight agreement (see bat rules below)
- 8) Teams MUST bat their entire lineups, free defensive substitutions: No Exceptions –No penalty if a player is hurt or cannot finish the game, simply skip that batter in the line-up;
- 9) **Biggest rule: Keep it Lite—Have Fun—Help the Players become better ball players!!**

**Here are the distances we will use in the fall:**

Age	Pitching	Bases
MP	40'	60'
9U	43'	65'



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10U	46'	65'
11/12U	50'	70'
13U	54'	80'
14U	60'6"	90'

**Game Time Limits:**

- Machine Pitch 8U: 1h 30 min game times , **no inning may start after 1h 30 min, game will conclude after 1h 45 min hard stop – Final batter can finish at bat, but game concludes after that at bat**
- Kid Pitch 9-14's: 1h 45 min game times , **no new inning may start after 1h 30min, game will conclude after 1h 45m hard stop - Final batter can finish the At Bat, but the game ends after that at bat.** \* Unless it is the last game or no games after and both teams and umpire agree \* Please remember we have back to back games all day long and we begin to lose daylight in fall.
- **Special Rules for Rookie 9-Year Old/8U Kid Pitch Teams (Most rookie teams at 9 are just experiencing Kid Pitch for the first time):**
- Leading Off and stealing is **permitted** unless otherwise **agreed** to by coaches and umpires prior to game
- Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> Strikes result in an out unless **agreed** to by both coaches and umpires prior to game
- No stealing home on a passed ball, unless **agreed** to by both coaches and umpires prior to the game

**Bat Rules:**

Effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2020, all 13U events and all teams in 13u events must use a maximum drop 8 (-8) bat with the official USSSA 1.15 BPF Mark permanently stamped. USA Stamp is also allowed.

All 14u events and all teams in the 14u event must use a maximum drop 5 (-5) bat with the official USSSA 1.15 BPF Mark Permanently stamped. USA stamped bat is also allowed.

**Cleat rules:**

Metal cleats are allowed only at 13U and 14U age groups.