

# Gwinnett Rec Sports (GRS) Rules

## Pony

**All games at all Parks will be played in accordance with National Federation of High School (NFHS) rules unless otherwise modified by the following rules.**

Any player whose 13th birthday falls before May 1st of the current year and any player whose 15th birthday falls on or after May 1st of the current year is eligible to compete and complete the current PY-GRS League baseball season.

### **PY 1. Game Times and Scoring**

- A. 7 inning games
- B. Time limit 1 hr 50 min.
- C. 7 runs max per inning. Insurmountable lead rule is in effect (Game should end if and when win or tie is impossible).
- D. Game may end in a tie and need not be completed unless League standing is impacted.
- E. Incomplete games (less than 4 inning) need not be resumed unless League Standing is impacted.
- F. Mercy Rule is 10 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings.

### **PY 2. General Rules**

- A. Facemasks are not mandatory.
- B. Headfirst slide
  - is allowed (with face mask/C-Flap) when player is returning to a base
  - is allowed (without face masks/C-Flap) except where prohibited by park rules
  - is not allowed (with face mask/C-Flap) when player is advancing to a base
  - Runner will be out, ball is live and other runners may advance
- C. Bats must be big barrel. No "drop" limitations
- D. Pitchers will be limited to three (3) innings maximum per game. However, a pitcher who starts/enters in, the 4th inning may finish the game (1 pitch or play = 1 inning)
- E. Each team to provide their own baseballs. (2 per game minimum per team)
- F. Courtesy runner for Catcher and Pitcher of Record at any time.
  - Last out will be runner.
  - In the 1st inning, if an out is not registered, the courtesy runner shall be the last batter in the lineup or if too close to the last batter in the lineup, any player designated by the umpire.
- G. No fake bunt and then swing away.
  - Contact is not necessary.
  - The batter is out, ball is dead and runners cannot advance.
- H. Free defensive substitutions are permitted provided that minimum play requirements, determined by each team's Local Association, are met.
- I. All players who are eligible to participate shall be placed in the batting order and bat consecutively in that order. As a result:
  - Defensive Free substitution will apply
  - Defensive visits will remain 3 per game
- J. If a team starts play with eight (8) players, an automatic out will be taken for the ninth (9th) position in the batting order for every cycle through the batting order. (No penalty of an out, if loss during the game is due to injury/sickness). At the discretion of the team Manager; If a player arrives late for the game, that player may enter the game and be inserted at the end of the batting order, even if the team has already completed one cycle through the batting order.
- K. A team warning for "slinging the bat" will be issued for the 1st offense. Any team player will be called out on any subsequent occurrence.

### **PY 3. Replacement Players:**

Will be allowed during Regular Season but not Post Season Tournament play, when your team falls below nine (9) players.

- A. Replacement player(s) can be from another Rec. team from your Association of same or lower Level
- B. If only one (1) team in your Association, replacement player(s) can be from an other Rec. team of same Level in your League
- C. Cannot add to more than nine (9) players to a team.
- D. The added player(s) must bat last, play in the outfield and may not pitch.

Note: Please be advised and inform your players and parents that USA baseball, the governing body for youth baseball will issue a new standard for bats by September of 2017. The intent behind the new standard is to offer bats who's response is as close as possible to a wood bat.

The new standard will take effect on January 2018 and it is likely that all Non-Wooden bats used in 2017 will be declared illegal.

The new standard will cover all level of play , College, High School as well all Level of recreational baseball and will likely be the standard adopted by all Athletic Organizations.