

2011 North West Spring League

10U Division as of 1-1-11

The following is a list of the guidelines for the Northwest Spring league for the 10 & under division.

Rules: Utilize the Babe Rules for 10 & under.

Rule Exceptions / Clarifications:

1. Cinderella batting – all players in attendance bat (player not need be in the field to be in batting order). If a player must leave or is injured, player is skipped in batting order without an automatic out being counted. If a player comes late, they are added to bottom of batting order.
2. Roster size of 15 maximum per game.
3. No show bunt – then hit away. If a player shows bunt, they must either bunt or pull the bat back. If the player shows bunt then swings away, they will be called out. This IS NOT the same as a slap swing. A Slap is a swing and is legal.
4. Free substitution of players in the field. Re-entry rule not in effect.
5. 35' pitching distance.
6. Pitchers can also re-enter freely (i.e. – One pitcher can pitch Innings 1 & 4 another 2 & 5 and the third 3 & 6).
7. Pitchers may pitch 10 innings of NW Jersey Spring League games during a calendar week. The week begins on Monday and ends on Sunday.
8. Home team to provide umpire for regular season game and initial rounds of playoffs.
9. 6-inning game – Mercy at 12 runs after 4 innings (3 ½ if home team is winning) or 8 runs after 5 (4½ if home team is winning) innings unless coaches want to continue until time limit.
10. 10 Batter limit per inning. Intentional Walks are prohibited.
11. Time limit of no inning to begin after 1 hour and 45 minutes. However, once an inning begins, it must be played to completion.
12. 10 Fielders allowed for American and National Divisions games, with the 10th player being a 4th outfielder only who must begin each play beyond the infield.
13. Baserunners must maintain contact with the base until the pitched ball reaches home plate.
14. Batters may not advance on a dropped 3rd strike. No Infield Fly rule.
15. Stealing Bases-

National Division-Allow runners to steal 3rd base only—no advancing if ball gets thrown away. Runners cannot steal 2nd or home.

American Division – Stealing all bases is permitted; however, the baserunner must maintain contact with the base until the pitched ball reaches home plate. Babe Ruth Tournament play will allow leading upon release.

No advancing if ball gets thrown away by the catcher during a steal or when the runner is returning to the base.

Based on Babe Ruth tournament rules for continuation; If a batter is walked during their at bat, a continuation is allowed. This is new for the American division this year in order to best prepare for Babe Ruth Tournament play.

During American vs. National games, the team managers will choose to use the American or National stealing rules. In the event the managers do not agree, then the National rule will apply.

Make-up Games Procedure: Games, if the involved teams elect, will be made up at their discretion. We are scheduling an overabundance of games 12-14 – so all will get 10-12 games played without makeup.

End of Season Tournament: There will be an end of season tournament for both the American and National divisions with trophies for 1st and 2nd place being awarded in each division. The finals will be held in Sparta. There will be 2 umpires provided by Sparta for the championship games.

Umpires: This year, the price for umpires is \$ 50.00. To keep payment easy, the home team will pay \$25.00 and the visitor will pay \$25.00 per game.

Behavior: If any manager / coach / parent is removed from a game for any reason by an umpire during the season, the offending party will be suspended for a minimum of one (1) game in addition to the game in which the event occurred. Programs are to also insure that their fans, their players and their coaches behave in a sportsmanlike manner. Sample of behavior guidelines are: No cheering against your opponent. No noisemakers and air horns that have become fashionable of late are allowed. We expect League Presidents to monitor this basic behavior guideline for their program.

