

# Acworth Baseball Association In-Park Rules, Senior Division

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All Major League and Dizzy Dean rules apply with the exception of the following In Park Rules. These In Parks apply to both 13/14YO and 15-19YO Divisions unless otherwise specified.

1. All players will be in the batting lineup. (Continuous batting order.)
  - a) If a player arrives after the umpire and managers meeting, the player will be added to the bottom of the batting lineup.
  - b) Any player who leaves the game will be skipped in the batting order and no out will be counted.
  - c) If a player is ejected, an out will be counted for every time his spot in the batting order comes up.
2. Free substitution on defense is allowed.
  - a) Each player must play a minimum of two consecutive defensive innings and bat at least one time.
  - b) Players not having played in at least two consecutive defensive innings and/or not having batted at least one time will start and play a minimum of three consecutive full innings the next game.
  - c) If a player does not arrive by the first pitch of the game, the manager or coach does not have to meet the two and one or three requirement. Notification must be given to the opposing manager and/or umpire.
3. If a pitcher hits two or more batters in an inning or three batters in a game, he need not be replaced and may continue to pitch.
4. A 13/14YO pitcher is allowed 12 innings per week during league play and 12 innings in a tournament.
5. Any 13/14YO pitcher pitching more than 4 innings in a game will be not be eligible to pitch again for 48 hours from the time he leaves the mound.
6. A 15-19YO pitcher is allowed 14 innings per week during league play and 18 innings in a tournament.
7. Any 15-19YO pitcher pitching more than 4 innings in a game will be not be eligible to pitch again for 48 hours from the time he leaves the mound.
8. No designated hitter will be allowed.
9. Runners for pitchers and catchers will be allowed and must be the last player to be put out on the offensive team.
10. Rather than forfeit games because of insufficient players, the policies for fill-in players are as follows:
  - a) A team must have at least eight players to play.
  - b) 13-14YO - Only first year players of this division or second year players from the Bronco division may be picked up.
  - c) 15-19YO – Only first and second year players of this division or second year players from the 13-14YO division may be picked up.
  - d) A maximum of two fill-in players per game may be used to give a team no more than nine players.

- e) Fill-in players must play in the outfield and bat last in the lineup.
  - f) At any given time during the game, fill-in players must be replaced with a roster player if one becomes available.
  - g) Violation of the above policy will result in the forfeiture of the game, unless otherwise agreed upon by both coaches. This also applies to the End of Season tournament.
11. Elimination Rule: 15 runs at the end of 4 innings, 10 runs at the end of 5 innings.
12. No new inning will start after one hour and fifty minutes during league play. League games may end in a tie. Unless the format of the tournament allows it, tournament games may not end in a tie and must be played to decide the winner.
- a) Game time is **start time**. If a previous game runs long, the next game will start as soon as the umpires are ready. Do your pre-game warm-up and throwing outside of the field.
  - b) Due to time constraints, infield practice may not be allowed. It is the umpire's decision. Umpires will not allow infield if both teams do not have an opportunity.
  - c) In order to speed up the game, pitchers will be allowed a maximum of eight pitches the first time he takes the mound. Thereafter, a maximum of five pitches will be allowed or two minutes between each half inning.
13. Both teams of the last game of the day will be responsible for ensuring the equipment room is secured, the score box is secured, and should turn off the lights.
14. Home team will be responsible for keeping the scoreboard and visiting team will keep the official book.
15. Home team will be responsible for all aspects of the field and scorekeeping when playing a team from another park.
16. No tobacco products are to be used in the dugout or on the field either during practices or games.
17. No alcohol is allowed in or on anyone who steps through the gates entering the dugouts or the field.
18. Managers will be the sole person to dispute a call with the umpires. **Be professional!** Your players are looking to you on how to handle situations. **Profanity is prohibited!** If profanity is used, the umpire will automatically eject the offender.
19. Managers, coaches, and players that are ejected will be suspended from the following game. A second ejection in the same season will result in suspension until the Board has reviewed the case and determined disciplinary action.