



MUNY- Buffalo MSBL Baseball League Playing Rules - 2010

1 General

- 1.1 All moneys paid to the MUNY-MSBL baseball league are non-refundable.
- 1.2 Participants must be at least 25 years of age (unless grandfathered) to participate in the MUNY-Buffalo MSBL baseball league.
 - 1.2.1 For the 2010 Season only – each team will be allowed to have one player 21-24 years old who does not play in the MUNY AAA league and the player will not be allowed to pitch in our league. This player will be grandfathered into the league for the 2011 season.
- 1.3 To participate, a player must be on the roster of the team he wishes to play for.
- 1.4 Team rosters will not exceed 18 players plus 1 manager.
 - 1.4.1 The roster will be made up of players 25 years and older (unless grandfathered).
 - 1.4.2 All players must submit valid driver's license as proof of age.
- 1.5 No roster changes can take place after July 1 of each season.
- 1.6 All teams must have uniforms- shirts, pants and hats; no shorts will be allowed.
- 1.7 Teams or players will not dispute an umpire's judgment or decision. Consistent hassling of an umpire will result in immediate ejection of the player(s) from the game. Players or teams can also be suspended from the MUNY-Buffalo MSBL baseball league.
- 1.8 All players must submit a signed waiver form to the league before they can play in the MUNY-Buffalo MSBL baseball league. Team managers must also sign a team waiver.
- 1.9 The HOME team must supply the bases for each game.
- 1.10 A team must finish the game with the same amount of batters as it started, unless pre-arranged before the game by the managers or due to injury. At no time may the number of players be less than 9.
- 1.11 Any team forfeiting two games in a season shall be eliminated from the league for the rest of the season and may not be invited back into the league for the next season.

2 Length of season

- 2.1 The league will consist of 22 regular season games, plus the playoffs.

3 Equipment

- 3.1 Proper protective equipment is essential and required.
- 3.2 Helmets must be worn at the plate and on the base paths.
- 3.3 Regulation baseballs are required (minimum - RO-200 or equivalent). Each team must present 2 new baseballs to the umpires before each game.
- 3.4 Teams must supply their own equipment.
- 3.5 The use of wooden or bamboo bats will be required (no composite bats).



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4 Length of games

- 4.1 All games will be 7 innings in length.
- 4.2 Starting times will be noted in the MUNY-Buffalo MSBL baseball league schedule.
- 4.3 There is a 10 run mercy rule after 5 innings.
- 4.4 Games may be shortened due to weather or darkness at the umpire's discretion.
- 4.5 There will be no time curfew.
- 4.6 Any game shortened due to darkness or weather and is not a regulation game (losing team has not batting 5 times) will be deemed suspended and play will continue from that point at a future date.

5 Extra Hitter

- 5.1 A team may bat as many Extra Hitters as they wish providing the hitters are all on the team's roster.

6 Designated Hitter

- 6.1 The Designated Hitter bats in place of the pitcher only!
- 6.2 The pitcher can be designated as a pitcher / dh

7 Defensive substitutions

- 7.1 Any defensive substitutions can be made freely among player's already in the lineup.

8 Catcher Speed Up

- 8.1 A runner may be used on the base paths for the catcher when there are two outs.
- 8.2 The runner must be the last out.

9 Injuries

- 9.1 If a player gets injured, the team may play with fewer players than it started with, providing the number of players is at least nine.
- 9.2 A player that was removed from the lineup may re-enter the lineup to replace an injured player, but only if there are no players on the bench that have not played.
- 9.3 Injuries must be of a serious nature brought about by incident in playing, pulled muscles, hamstrings, etc. does not constitute serious injuries



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10 Playoffs

- 10.1 In order to qualify to play in the MUNY-Buffalo MSBL playoffs and player must have appeared in 8 regular season games. The visiting team's scorebook will act as proof. The spirit of this rule is to ensure players are committed to the league and not just a "rent a player" for the playoffs. If the president deems the spirit of the rule is not met even though a player does appear in 8 regular season games, he may elect to ban the player from the playoffs.
- 10.1.1 An appearance will be credited if a player is in the lineup for 3 defensive outs and 1 plate appearance or a pitcher must appear in 3 games and face 25 batters.
- 10.1.2 If a player has a major injury and has not played in 8 regular season games the league president may allow him to play in the playoffs, this will be decided on an individual basis. The player must appear on the final July 1 roster in order to be considered.
- 10.2 **Championship Playoffs** - The top 6 teams make the Championship playoffs.
- 10.3 **Tie Breakers** for determining positions in playoffs.
- 10.3.1 Head to Head – Wins and Losses
- 10.3.2 Head to Head – Least runs allowed in head to head games
- 10.4 Teams are responsible for 2 new balls for each playoff games.
- 10.5 Teams are responsible for umpire fees for each playoff game.
- 10.6 **PRELIMINARY ROUND**
- 10.6.1 1st and 2nd place teams get a bye.
- 10.6.2 Remaining teams are seeded 1 thru 4 based on regular season record.
- 10.6.3 4th seed VS 1st seed – best of 3 games.
- 10.6.4 3rd seed VS 2nd seed -- best of 3 games.
- 10.6.5 1st and 2nd seed are home team in game 1 and game 3 (if needed).
- 10.7 **SEMI-FINAL ROUND**
- 10.7.1 Lowest seeded team VS regular season 1st place team – best of 3 games.
- 10.7.2 Other seed VS regular season 2nd place team – best of 3 games.
- 10.7.3 Regular season 1st and 2nd place teams are home team in game 1 and game 3 (if needed).
- 10.8 **CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND**
- 10.8.1 Best of Five.
- 10.8.2 Team with better regular season record is home team in game 1, 3 and game 5 (if needed).



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- 10.9 **Consolation playoffs** - (teams that did not make the Championship Playoffs)
 - 10.9.1 Playoff will take place on 2 consecutive Sunday's – diamonds will be determined based upon teams and diamond availability as determined by the League President.
- 10.10 **PRELIMINARY ROUND – played on first Sunday**
 - 10.10.1 7th and 8th place teams get a bye.
 - 10.10.2 Remaining teams are seeded 1 thru 4 based on regular season record.
 - 10.10.3 4th seed VS 1st seed – single game.
 - 10.10.4 3rd seed VS 2nd seed – single game.
- 10.11 **SEMI-FINAL ROUND – played on first Sunday**
 - 10.11.1 Lowest seeded team VS regular season 7th place team – single game.
 - 10.11.2 Other seed VS regular season 8th place team – single game.
- 10.12 **CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND – played on second Sunday**
 - 10.12.1 Team with better regular season record is home team.