



## MUNY– Buffalo MSBL Baseball League Playing Rules - 2009

### 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.
- 1.3 To participate, a player must be on the roster of the team he wishes to play for.
- 1.4 Team rosters cannot exceed 18 players.
  - 1.4.1 The roster will be made up of players 25 years and older.
  - 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 bats will be required (no composite bats).

### 4 Length of games

- 4.1 All games will be 7 innings in length.
  - 4.1.1 Starting times will be noted in the MUNY-Buffalo MSBL baseball league schedule.
  - 4.1.2 There is a 10 run mercy rule after 5 innings.



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4.1.3 Games may be shortened due to weather or darkness at the umpire's discretion.

4.1.4 There will be no time curfew.

4.1.5 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

### 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.

10.1.1 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 The top 3 teams in each division make the playoffs.

10.3 Tie Breakers for determining positions in playoffs.



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- 10.4 Head to Head – Wins and Losses
- 10.5 Head to Head – Least runs allowed in head to head games
- 10.6 Divisional Record
- 10.7 Teams are responsible for 2 new balls for each playoff games.
- 10.8 Teams are responsible for umpire fees for each playoff game.
- 10.9 PRELIMINARY ROUND
  - 10.9.1 1<sup>st</sup> place teams in each division get a bye.
    - 10.9.1.1 Remaining teams are seeded 1 thru 4 based on regular season record.
  - 10.9.2 4<sup>th</sup> seed VS 1<sup>st</sup> seed – best of 3 games.
  - 10.9.3 3<sup>rd</sup> seed VS 2<sup>nd</sup> seed -- best of 3 games.
  - 10.9.4 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> seed are home team in game 1 and game 3 (if needed).
- 10.10 SEMI-FINAL ROUND
  - 10.10.1 Lowest seeded team VS Division winner with best record – best of 3 games.
  - 10.10.2 Other seed VS Other Division winner – best of 3 games.
  - 10.10.3 Division winners are home team in game 1 and game 3 (if needed).
- 10.11 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND
  - 10.11.1 Best of Five.
  - 10.11.2 Team with better regular season record is home team in game 1, 3 and game 5 (if needed).

## 11 Division Alignment

- 11.1 Previous years division winners remain in their divisions.
- 11.2 Other teams are re-seeded based upon records.
- 11.3 Teams 3, 5, 7 & 9 in East.
- 11.4 Teams 4, 6, 8, &10 in West.
  - 11.4.1 In the event of ties, position will be determined by Head to Head – Wins and Losses.
  - 11.4.2 Least runs allowed in head to head games will determine position.
  - 11.4.3 Coin Flip.