



MUNY- Buffalo MSBL Baseball League 35+ Playing Rules - 2012

1 General

- 1.1 All moneys paid to the MUNY-MSBL baseball league are non-refundable.
- 1.2 Participants must be at least 35 years of age to participate in the MUNY- Buffalo MSBL baseball league.
 - 1.2.1 Each team will be allowed to have one player 33-34 years old; the player will not be allowed to pitch in the league.
- 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.
- 1.5 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 10 regular season games, plus the playoffs.
- 2.2 Regular season games are on Friday evenings.
- 2.3 There will be 3 rainout makeup dates.
 - 2.3.1 The last Tuesday of May, June and July.
 - 2.3.2 The last Tuesday before 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, bamboo bats and composite bats will be required.



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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 Offensively

- 5.1 Each manager has the prerogative to bat as many players in his initial lineup as long as there are at least ten (10) hitters (unless there are only 9 players at the game).
- 5.2 If the manager wishes to add players to the bottom of the lineup (i.e. hitting positions 11, 12, 13, 14, etc.), he may do so at any time. Any added player to the bottom of the lineup or pinch hitter must notify the opposing team manager of the batting order change.
- 5.3 If a player who is in the lineup leaves the game due to injury and there are no bench players the lineup can be collapsed not incurring an out.

6 Defensively

- 6.1 All players may be substituted for, at any time, except the pitcher. Defensive players need not be in your batting order. In regards to substituting for the pitcher, if he is removed from the mound, he may only re-enter as a pitcher once in a game and must wait until the start of the next inning before he can resume pitching regardless of whether he stays in the game (i.e. as the right fielder).

7 Pitcher

- 7.1 Any pitcher will be allowed to pitch 4 innings in a single game.

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.



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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.

10 Playoffs

- 10.1 In order to qualify to play in the MUNY-Buffalo MSBL playoffs and player must have appeared in 4 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 4 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 6 defensive outs, 2 At Bats or a pitcher must pitch one complete inning.
 - 10.1.2 If a player has a major injury and has not played in 4 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** – All 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 3rd place VS 6th place – single elimination.
 - 10.6.3 4th place VS 5th place seed – single elimination.
- 10.7 **Semi-Final Round**
 - 10.7.1 Lowest seeded team VS regular season 1st place team – single elimination.
 - 10.7.2 Other seed VS regular season 2nd place team – single elimination.
- 10.8 **Championship Round**
 - 10.8.1 Single elimination, highest place finisher in regular season is home team.