

SMCBL – 2017 QUICK REFERENCE RULES

| | 6/7 Grade | 8/9 Grade & 10/11 Grade |
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| GAME START TIME | 6:15 pm | 6:15 pm |
| GAME LENGTH (INNINGS) | 7 or called by umpire due to darkness | 7 or called by umpire due to darkness |
| LEGAL GAME (INNINGS) | 4 | 4 |
| BASE LENGTH | 75' | 90' |
| PITCHING DISTANCE | 54' (field dependent) | 60' (field dependent) |
| PITCHING RESTRICTIONS (PER GAME/PER WEEK) | 3 innings per game and 6 innings in 3 consecutive days. 1 pitch thrown = 1 inning pitched (IP) No curveballs. IP reset on first day of end of season tournament. | 6 innings per game and 12 innings in 3 consecutive days. 1 pitch thrown = 1 inning pitched (IP) IP reset on first day of end of season tournament. |
| COURTESY RUNNER | Last out for pitcher, catcher or injured player | Last out for pitcher, catcher or injured player |
| BALK RULE | 1 dead ball warning per pitcher unless base runner advancing (then a balk is called) | 1 dead ball warning per pitcher unless base runner advancing (then balk called) |
| FIELDERS | 9 (4 innings max at one position, except catcher) minimum of 7 | 9 (4 innings max at one position, except catcher) minimum of 7 |
| CLEATS/SPIKES | Molded plastic/rubber only. NO metal cleats or spikes. | Molded (plastic/rubber) and metal cleats/spikes allowed. |
| BASE STEALING | All (no head first sliding unless returned to base) | All (head first sliding allowed) |
| LEAVING BASE/LEADING OFF | Runner may lead off. | Runner may lead off. |
| DROPPED 3RD STRIKE | Batter becomes runner if 1B is unoccupied. Batter is OUT if two steps are made to dugout. | Batter becomes runner if 1B is unoccupied. Batter is OUT if two steps are made is to dugout. |
| INTENTIONAL WALKS | Pitcher/coach may notify umpire and batter takes 1 st base or throw 4 called balls. | Pitcher/coach may notify umpire and batter takes 1 st base or throw 4 called balls. |
| BUNTING | Yes | Yes |
| INFIELD FLY RULE | Yes, when play at 3 rd base with runners on 1 st and 2 nd base or loaded – ump deems ball catchable by infielder. | Yes, when play at 3 rd base with runners on 1 st and 2 nd base or loaded – ump deems ball catchable by infielder. |
| BATS | 2 1/4" youth barrel (unlimited drop) or 2 1/2" – 2 3/4" barrel max (-10 drop). | 8/9 Grade: 2 3/4" barrel size max (-5 drop). 10/11 Grade: 2 5/8" barrel size max (-3 drop). |
| BASEBALLS | DOL-A | DOL-A |
| MERCY RULE | 7 runs max per inning. 10 run rule after 5 full Innings | 10 run-rule after 5 complete innings |

* Please see South Metro Community Baseball League 2017 Handbook for complete rules and policies