

## **SCBL 2007 League Bylaws**

### **1. Slide/Collision Rule**

Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) high school rules

### **2. Official Game for Darkness or Weather**

5 complete innings

### **3. Standings**

The league shall be based on a point system. The team with the most points shall be in first place at the end of the regular season given that all teams have played an equal amount of games. The remainder of the standings are then determined based on most points.

In the event of a tie breaker, the team with more wins shall be the higher seed. If both points and records are the same, then the teams season head to head win/loss results shall determine the higher seed. If there is still a tie breaker, if both managers agree, a one game playoff may be played to determine the higher seed. If no game is played, then a coin toss shall decide the higher seed.

Win: 2 Points

Tie: 1 Point

Loss: 0 Points

Forfeit: 0 Points

### **4. Playoffs**

The top four teams in the standings shall advance to the playoffs. The remainder of the teams below fourth place shall be eliminated from playoff play.

First Round: Best of 3

Seed 1 plays Seed 4. Seed 2 plays Seed 3. The higher seeds, 1 and 2, shall receive the home field games for the first and third games. The lower seeds, 3 and 4, shall receive a single home field for game two.

Championship Round: Best of 5

Winner of 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3. The higher seeded team receives the extra home field game being games one, two and five. The lower seeded team shall receive a home field for games three and four.

### **5. Mercy Rule**

10 runs after 5 innings if both Managers consent and/or 12 Runs after 5 innings is at the discretion of the losing manager to stop play

### **6. Defensive Substitution**

Free movement to encourage play time for all players; you may only reenter when removed defensively

### **7. Offensive Substitution**

Removes replaced player from remainder of game: pinch runner and pinch hitter

### **8. Pitcher/Catcher Pinch Runner**

Allowed only when there are two outs in the inning and the runner must be the immediately previous out that is not a pitcher or catcher

### **9. Line Up**

Teams may bat as many players in the lineup as they wish with a minimum of nine, they must remain in their slot for the duration of the game

### **10. Minimum Number of Players**

Eight. If only eight players are in the field, there shall be a "ghost hitter" placed in the lineup and given an automatic out when its turn comes up in the order. Game is forfeited by the team with fewer than eight players.

**11. Designated Hitter**

Optional to the Manager

**12. Playoff Eligibility**

Player must be present at seven regular season games to be eligible. Extreme case exceptions may be brought in front of Commissioner.

**13. Player Ejections**

1<sup>st</sup> Offense: \$25 fine to player. The Manager/Team is responsible for payment to commissioner before the next game.

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: \$50 fine to player. The Manager/Team is responsible for payment to commissioner before the next game.

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: \$75 fine to player and the player is suspended for the remainder of the regular season and playoffs.

Any fine not paid before the offending player's team's next game results in a forfeit of every game until payment is made in full to the league, via the Commissioner.

Once a player is ejected by an Official, that player must exit the playing field and the entire facility; this includes but not limited to, the stands, dugout, backstop, outfield, campus, parking lot and surrounding streets. Any continued presence by the ejected player will result in the Officials leaving the game and the game ceasing without prior notice necessary; resulting in the offender's team forfeiting the game.

**14. Player Fees**

Non refundable

**15. Deductible for Insurance**

It is the responsibility of the person/team responsible for the claim on the insurance policy. The SCBL is in no way responsible for this amount of money.

**16. Baseballs**

At least 6 brand new Diamond D1 Pro baseballs will be provided by the Home team for every game

**17. Bats**

Only wood and composite wood bats shall be allowed. All bats are subject to being inspected and approved by game Officials at their discretion at any time.

**18. Umpire Fees**

The home team shall be responsible for paying the umpire fees at the time of the Umpire/Manager conference before the start of any game

**19. Scorebook**

Scorebooks shall be kept by both teams. Home team is the official book. It is the responsibility of the teams to reconcile their scorebooks at the end of each inning to ensure correct statistics.

**20. Score Reporting**

Each Manager/Team shall report their scores to the designated Public Relations correspondent upon the completion of each game. These scores shall be submitted to the appropriate media outlets.