

UBA RULES - MAJORS

Uxbridge Baseball Association

Major League

Managers and Coaches Manual

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Objective of The Uxbridge Major League

The objective of the Uxbridge Major League is to teach the game of baseball to the children of Uxbridge, in a friendly competitive atmosphere.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Executive Committee shall preside over any and all matters regarding code of conduct for directors, coaches, umpires and players. Any member, player, or umpire may appeal to the Executive Committee or bring a complaint to the Executive Committee, but first must, in writing, notify the league through any Board Member. The notification will be forwarded to the League President or a Vice President in the President's absence. In case of an emergency, or matter of a serious nature, the President may call an immediate Executive Committee meeting. A minimum of three Executive Committee members must be available to make any ruling or judgment.

All Members in Uxbridge Baseball Association shall accept the following code of conduct.

- 1.) It is the duty of all coaches to be in control of his players at all times.
- 2.) Coaches are expected to comply with the intent and spirit of the rules.
- 3.) Coaches should teach their players to respect the dignity of the game, officials, opponents and the institutions they represent.
- 4.) Coaches will confine their discussions with game officials to the interpretation of the rules and not challenge umpire judgment calls.
- 5.) Cursing, obscene language or gestures, malicious or personal remarks to or between opponents, spectators, officials or coaches will not be tolerated.
- 6.) Directors, coaches, umpires and players shall refrain from any actions that might arouse unsportsmanlike behavior between spectators or any of the aforementioned.
- 7) All League Officials shall incorporate this Code of Conduct in their code of conduct.
- 8.) Improper use or deliberate damage to equipment or facilities by any member or associate of this league will not be tolerated.
- 9.) Altercations, verbal and/or physical will not be tolerated, nor will any intentional attempt to injure any player, official or participant in any league game or function.
- 10) Players, coaches and umpires shall not possess or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs during baseball games.

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PENALTIES

Upon viewing a violation of the above Code of Conduct rules, the witness will forward a descriptive report or complaint in writing to any active Board Member. The Board Member will forward report to the Executive Committee. If the Executive Committee deems it necessary, they will request information from the Manager of each team concerning the incident. The Executive Committee will then determine whether any infractions of the preceding Code of Conduct rules have been made. The Executive Committee will make a decision based upon the following guidelines. The President will have final decision over any Executive Committee stalemate.

- 1) Any player, coach or director who throws or misuses any equipment during the course of a game shall be warned the first time; if a second offense occurs, he will be ejected.
- 2) Any player, coach or director in violation of Code 5, 9 or 10 will be immediately ejected.
- 3) Any player, coach or director in violation of Code 6 will receive a warning for the first offense. A second offense will mean immediate ejection.
- 4) If an umpire violates any of the codes of conduct, a written complaint shall be presented to the Executive Committee. If said umpires actions become intolerable during the course of the game, both coaches can agree to suspend said game at that point, remove all players from the field and make immediate report to the Executive Committee.
- 5) In the event one or more spectators become unruly and refuse an umpire's request to leave the playing field area, the game can be suspended at that point. Either the fan(s) will be removed by the police, or the game will remain suspended.
- 6) In the case of ejection for any of the above reasons, the following minimum penalties will be automatically imposed for players and coaches during the course of the season.

First offense: 1 Game Suspension

Second offense: 2 Game Suspension

Third offense: Remainder of Present Year Plus 1 Year Suspension

- 7) As a result of disciplinary action for any of the above reasons, the following minimum penalties will automatically be imposed for umpires and officials during the course of the season.

First offense: 1 week suspension

Second offense: Minimum 1 month suspension

Third offense: 1 year suspension.

- 8) Any player, coach or director ejected during the course of a game who refuses (after being ejected and notified twice that he has been ejected) to leave the field of play, shall cause the head umpire to declare a win for the opposing team. The head umpire will, immediately following the game, file a written report to the Executive Committee. After

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review by the Executive Committee, the offending coach will be suspended for 1 year.

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Rules

The official Cal Ripken League Rule Book will govern in all situations not covered in the following exceptions that apply to The Uxbridge Major League.

Players Draft

Only Players age 11 and 12 will be eligible to be drafted.

Team will select their players in reverse order of the team's standing in the league from the prior year.

Draft Selection: Each team has a first round draft choice. The draft will continue with each team drafting until it is level with the team with the most returning players. Each team will return to its position in the draft as teams become even.

Players that are registered after the Draft Process, will be evaluated and placed on a team at the discretion of the UBA Player Agent. This is done to insure fairness and equality of teams.

Draft Exceptions

Manager's child - Child is automatically placed on the team roster if the manager requests it. The manager must declare this before the draft begins. The child counts as the teams last draft choice.

Dissolving a Team because the lack of players: The team that has the least amount of returning players will have those players re-entered into the draft and have to tryout. In the event there are a number of teams with the same amount of returning players, the team with the worse record will have it's players entered into the draft and it's team dissolved.

Adding a New Team: The New Team will have 3 picks in the first Round (picks numbered 1,2,3) and the first 2 picks in the 2nd round.

Player Quitting

If a player quits a team, the manger must notify the Player Agent immediately. If a player quits a team at age 11, that player must return to the previous team if the player registers to play as a 12-year old.

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Pitching

A pitcher cannot pitch more than 6 innings per week (MON-SUN) under any circumstances. Including make up games.

****SEE RULE -0.06 IN THE CAL RIPKEN RULE BOOK, UNDER PITCHING LIMITATIONS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.****

The balk rule does not apply.

Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, that pitcher cannot return to pitch in that game.

There are no intentional walks.

A pitcher is charged for a full inning once one pitch is thrown.

Pitcher Rest: 3+ innings = 2 days rest (Pitch Tues. Pitch Fri.)
2 innings = 1 day rest (Pitch Tues. Pitch Thu.)
1 inning CAN Pitch next day.

Max Pitches per Game: 85 (Can finish pitching to batter)

** Team Mgr is responsible for counting pitches **

** Innings Pitched must be recorded **

A Pitcher may pitch a complete game (6 innings) providing he/she has not exceeded the 85 pitch count rule. (This supersedes the 5 inning max. rule)

A Pitcher cannot pitch in both games of a Doubleheader.

Visitations

Mound - One visit per pitcher per inning is allowed. Manager must remove the pitcher on second visit.

Infielders/outfielders - No visits are allowed.

Exception is allowed in case of injury.

Substitution Rules

All players will play at least 3 innings per game and no more than 5 innings, unless no subs are available.

There is a continuous batting order for all players.

If any player does not get to play 3 innings in a game due to early call, weather etc, that player

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must start and play the first 3 innings of the next game.

Unlimited substitutions.

All fielding substitutions must be made between innings. Except for pitcher, disciplinary and injury.

If a manager is not going to be playing a player because of injury or disciplinary action, he will notify the umpire and the opposing manager before the game begins.

Lineups must be swapped prior to start of game with all players listed (continuous order). If a player arrives to the game late, that player will wait for the start of the next inning to enter the game (or later, at mgr. discretion). That player will bat in the already determined spot in the batting lineup.

Base Running

Players should slide into all bases (except first base) when involved in a play and avoid any unnecessary bodily contact (includes first base).

Violations: Unintentional - Runner is declared out

Intentional - Runner is declared out and is out of the game.

The violation will be decided by the umpire.

Obstruction "Clarified"

The catcher, without the ball in his/her possession, has no right to block the pathway of the runner attempting to score. The base line belongs to the runner and the catcher should be there only when fielding a ball or with the ball already in his/her possession.

Rule: 7.06-When the obstruction occurs, the umpire shall call or signal "Obstruction"

Ground Rules

If any batted ball becomes lodged under the fence, the player raises their hand to get the umpire's attention. The batter is entitled to two bases and any runners are awarded two more bases from their position before the pitch was thrown.

If any thrown ball becomes lodged under the fence, the player raises their hand to get the umpire's attention. all runners are awarded the base they were going to plus one additional base.

If any thrown ball goes into the bench area, all runners are awarded the base they were going to plus one additional base.

Any other overthrow is "live" and the runners may take as many bases as possible.

All equipment will be kept inside the bench area.

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Game Conditions

In case of rain, the decision to start the games will be made at 5:30 P.M. by the Division Coordinator or his designee. Managers may call the field at that time for his decision. The number is 278-2459.

Once the game has started, it is the umpire's decision to stop play.

All "day" games will begin at the scheduled time. All "night" games will begin at 8:00 P.M. If there is a "night" game, the "day" game will be stopped at 8:00 P.M. All games will be stopped at 10:30 P.M.

No inning can be started after 7:45 PM on a School night.

Another ½ inning cannot start 15 minutes before the next scheduled games start time.

Any game stopped due to weather, darkness, or curfew, will become a suspended game if the game did not go 5 innings. The balance of the game will be played at a later date and all conditions that were applicable on the day of the original game will prevail. (Ex.-lineup, substitutes, etc.) A pitcher cannot pitch more than 6 innings per week under any circumstances. Including make up games.

5 innings constitutes a complete game, 4 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead when the game is called.

Mercy Rule

Each of the first five innings are over after the 6th run is scored regardless of the number of outs. No runs after the 6th run will be counted. The 6th and any subsequent inning is "open" until 3 outs are made and any number of runs may be scored.

Misc.

The "Home Team" will be on the "First Base Bench"

The "Visiting Team" must rake the infield after the game.

The "Home Team" will build and repair the mound after each game.

Dismissal of any player will be brought to The Board of Directors first.

The Board of Directors will appoint all managers and coaches.

No unauthorized person should be inside the playing field or in the bench area.

A team must have 8 players for a game. If the team can not field 8 players, the game is forfeited to the other team.

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It is the responsibility of the home team's manager to leave the results of the game at the concession stand.

A player can only swing a bat in the batter's box. Only one player may stand in the on-deck circle. No player may have a bat in his hand while on the bench. All players not batting or on deck, must be in the bench area.

If a team is using a Bat Boy/Girl, that person must have a helmet on at all times.

Only the manager can question the umpire about a call. Coaches cannot question calls or they will be removed from the field.

The Board of Directors will be the final authority over any disputes.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

All teams make Playoffs. Format to be determined each year relating to the number of teams in "Major" League.

IF TWO OR MORE TEAMS ARE TIED AT THE END OF THE REGULAR SEASON, THEY WILL BE NAMED CO-CHAMPIONS

TIE BREAKERS TO DETERMINE ORDER OF FINISH AND DRAFT

FOR ALL POSITIONS IN THE LEAGUE, THE FOLLOWING TIE BREAKERS WILL BE USED IN THEIR ORDER UNTIL THE TIE IS BROKEN.

1. HEAD TO HEAD RECORD
2. RECORD AGAINST THE FIRST PLACE TEAM
3. RECORD AGAINST THE SECOND PLACE TEAM
4. RECORD AGAINST (CONTINUE DOWN THE ORDER OF FINISH)

IF TIE CAN NOT BE BROKEN USING THESE METHODS, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL DETERMINE ORDER OF FINISH.

TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO 1ST AND 2ND PLACE PLAYOFF TEAMS.

2 INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES (MOST IMPROVED, SPORTSMANSHIP) WILL BE AWARDED TO EACH TEAM.

Tournament Teams Selections

TO BE DETERMINED.

The Strike Zone Defined:

