

Coaches, Umpires and League Participants please be advised of the following time limit clarifications. It has been brought to our attention by numerous different people coaching and working at different locations around the Fall League playing sites that the time limits have been handled differently. We ask that you use the following rules going forward for the remainder of the fall season.

#### **Time Limit Clarifications:**

1. There is a **2 hour time** limit on **ALL** Fall league baseball games (Recreation or Competitive). To clarify, this means that no new batter will bat after the 2 hour mark has been reached. Please finish the at bat in progress then the game will be completed. If the visiting team is batting in the top half of an inning, and has tied or taken the lead the official score would revert back to the last completed inning.  
\*\*\*Please note that there is no such thing in the 2009 Gopher State Fall League as a 1:45 or 1:50 time limit.
2. In order to have these games begin on time teams **must** have players ready to go before game time. Please be at your field and ready to play at least 15 minutes prior to game time. This means cleats must be on and laced up, players legs and arms must be warmed up. Any infield/outfield practice that needs to be taken should be done on an alternate field, not the actual playing field and pre game warm-ups must be completed prior to game time. **There will be no infield/outfield taken before games 2, 3 or 4. Time does not allow for this. This is a league wide rule.**
3. Game times are either 10, 12, 2 or 4 every Sunday. Please do your best to begin at the scheduled time. Umpires need to make an announcement as to the starting time of each game. Game time will begin when the Umpire says "Play Ball." Scorekeepers are encouraged to note the game time in your scorebooks for proper documentation. If a game begins at 2:00pm the game will be finished at 4:00pm or when the batter who is batting, when time is called, is finished. The next game will do its best to begin as soon as possible. We understand that the scheduled 4pm game might not start until 4:08pm.
4. If you are the last game of the day on your scheduled field (2 or 4pm), you are still under a 2 hour time limit. Same Rules apply as to be fair for all teams competing.

#### **Pitching Restrictions Reminder:**

1. **Recreational League**  
**4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** No more than **4 innings in a day**  
**6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> Grade:** No more than **6 innings in a day**
2. **Competitive League**  
**10-12 & Under:** A pitcher may pitch a maximum of **4 innings in a day.**  
**13-15 & Under:** A pitcher may pitch a maximum of **5 innings in a day.**  
**16-19 & Under:** A pitcher may pitch a maximum of **6 innings in a day.**

**We are asking that you keep track of these innings so that we are not abusing players arms. Violation of this rule can result in potential forfeiture of the game in question or a coach's ejection. Please do not break this rule!**

**NOTE: Stresses on a pitcher's arm are caused from overuse, lack of conditioning, improper mechanics of pitching and lack of understanding of proper recovery time.**

It is recommended that you print this off and add it to your Fall League Coaches Handbook. Please bring your handbook and this clarification with you to the each game incase of any disputes. Please handle all situations like adults and with respect for each other, the players and the great game of baseball.

We thank each and every one of you for your time and efforts this fall and please keep in mind the reason that we have fall baseball is for the kids. Have fun this fall and enjoy your time on the field!

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