

## Winterville Rookie/Minor/Major Division Fall Baseball Rules

1. The Cal Ripken Fall Baseball League will go by Babe Ruth Rules.
2. Free substitution on defense. **NO** Player will sit out more than 2 consecutive innings, unless injured or for disciplinary reasons. If either or these two situations take place please notify the other team and the Winterville Recreation Department.
3. Home team keeps the book. Scoreboards will not be operated during fall league.
4. **NO** pitcher may pitch more than 3 innings in any game. **(6 innings per week)**.
5. There will be no more than 3 coaches in the Dugouts. When a Team is batting, only the Base coaches will be allowed outside of the dugout on the playing field. Please try to keep parents and siblings out of the dugouts while games are in progress.
6. There will be a 1 ½ hour time limit. Each team will bat the entire line-up (roster). An inning will end when either 3 outs, a maximum of 5 runs occurs, or 10 runs after 4 complete innings of play.
  - a. At the rookie level if you bat through your entire lineup, the inning is over.
7. In rookie baseball, you may successfully bunt (ball is bunted fair), 1 time per inning. No fake bunting is allowed.
8. Any Coach or parent who physically or verbally abuses an umpire will be removed from the Park immediately and for the rest of the season.
9. Any coach or player being ejected from a game, **FOR ANY REASON**, will automatically sit out their team's next game that is actually played. If they are ejected again, they will sit out **2 games**. The third offense will result in the termination of the head coach or player for the rest of the season
10. Sliding into home plate head first is an automatic out during the fall!
11. **NO PROFANITY OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE WILL BE TOLERATED. IF A COACH FAILS TO PROMOTE THE SPORTSMANSHIP OR INTEGRITY THE DEPARTMENT FEELS APPROPRIATE, HE OR SHE WILL BE SUSPENDED, THEN EXPELLED FROM THE LEAGUE.**
12. If a child is caught throwing equipment or acting in an unsportsmanlike manner, he/she should be removed for the remainder of the game by a coach from his team.
13. For game cancellations call the rain out line at 353-8697.
14. Fall Baseball is about instruction and transitioning from one league to the next, less emphasis on winning should be the rule of thumb.

### Major Specific Rules

1. There will be an EH **only**. No AH or Designated hitter will be allowed.