

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 4 coaches in the Dugouts. When a Team is batting, only the Base coaches will be allowed outside of the dugout on the playing field.
6. Only rostered players and coaches (as well as umpires) are allowed on field and in dugouts during game play. Exception: Specific permission received from Department stating otherwise.
7. No new inning may begin after: 1 hour and 25 minutes for all age groups. Each team will bat the entire line-up (roster). An inning will end when either 3 outs are made or a maximum of 5 runs are scored.
 - a. At the rookie level if you bat through your entire lineup, the inning is over.
8. Run rule is in effect for fall baseball: game complete if a team is up by 10 or more runs after 4 complete innings of play, 3 ½ innings if home team is up by 10 runs. **Not using 15 run rule in fall.**
9. In rookie baseball, you may successfully bunt (ball is bunted fair), 1 time per inning. No fake bunting is allowed.
10. Minor League (only) base running: Play shall be dead once the defensive team stops the lead runner, or runner abandons the effort to advance, or once the pitcher is in possession of the ball (does not have to be on the mound).
11. 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.
12. 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
13. Sliding into home plate head first is an automatic out during the fall.
14. **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.**
15. 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.
16. For game cancellations call the rain out line at 353-8697.
17. Fall Baseball is about instruction and transitioning from one league to the next, less emphasis on winning should be the rule of thumb.