

# Rules and Regulations

## TRENTON BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

2009

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PERMANENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

The official Michigan High School Baseball Rules shall govern the League except where the Trenton Baseball Association Rules and Regulations (this document) conflict. These rules will over-rule the official Michigan High School Baseball Rules. **Any Trenton Baseball Association member who plays in a non-Trenton sponsored league shall adhere to the rules of that organization. This includes softball and baseball.**

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

The Association shall limit its boundaries to and draw its players from the City of Trenton, MI.

Only players of eligible age whose residence, as determined by the residence of their parents or legal guardians and approved by the Trenton Baseball Association shall be eligible for active participation in the league.

The Trenton Baseball Association reserves the right to continue, for only the regular season in question, any player whose residence changes after registering as a member of the league. Players who do not play on-season will be considered as new players.

All returning players and all new registrants will be placed in a pool and a draft will be conducted to select players for the various teams.

No player will be permitted to participate in the Trenton Baseball Association program if he/she is in any other organized baseball league during the regular season unless approved by the Board of Directors.

No particular player or team will be allowed to participate outside the city boundaries as a representative of the Trenton Baseball Association unless approved by the Board of Directors and the Trenton Recreation Commission.

Manager and coaches should contact the newly-elected Board at the September meeting if they intend to manage or coach the following year.

REGISTRATION

All players must register and pay registration fees on the prescribed registration dates after proper notification of the registration time and place are made through the normal channels, schools, mail, etc., for such notice. "Hardship" cases are subject to Board approval.

No player will be allowed to play up into an older classification unless the move up is to prevent a team from folding due to a lack of players. The Board must approve any move up. Any move up situation will be handled by offering the move up to the oldest player in the lower classification, the offers will be made until the older team is filled.

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Parent/guardian signatures are required on the “Player Application Form” and “Medical Information” form used for registration.

The Trenton Baseball Association DOES NOT carry liability insurance to cover players in case of injury or accident.

The General Manager will rule on any player additions to team rosters for replacement of players who quit or become ill and cannot continue the seasonal playing schedule.

Properly signed “Player Application Forms” (registration forms) will be on file with the General Manager of each league and at the conclusion of the prescribed registration period. Additional registrations will be accepted – the late registering player will be assigned to teams by the General Manager of the division until the established teams are filled.

Upon registration, birth certificates or other documentary proof must be presented to the registration committee. This rule pertains to all new participants only (‘new’ meaning that they have not played in the Trenton Baseball Association before.)

If the parents wish a youth to be on the team with his brother/sister, it must be stated to the Registration Committee at the time of registration.

**SELECTION AND DRAFT OF PLAYERS**

There are no “CUTS” of eligible registrants in the Trenton Baseball Association. Every player, regular or new, shall become a permanent member of a team roster for the season.

The General Manager is responsible for running a draft of the new players.

New players will be drafted by age groups and the Board shall select a date for the draft by the team managers.

Draftee players from the “pool” will be picked by lot. All teams will get one selection until all draftees are selected.

The manager of each team may protect his child (children) in the draft, as well as the child of one assistant coach.

The Board of Directors shall modify the above rules in order to maintain equal age balance within the league or to provide for expansion.

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**TEAMS**

Upon the final report of the registration committee, the Board of Directors shall make the final determination of the number of players per team and the number of teams in each league.

The Trenton Baseball Association shall consist of the following leagues and age ranges. A hardball player's age is determined by the age reached on April 30th of the year of play, for softball on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of play.

Instructional League: For Players 6 years of age

CASTIGNOLA LEAGUE: For players of league ages 7 and 8 years old.

GIBBS LEAGUE: For players of league ages 9 and 10 years old.

MCINTOSH LEAUGE: For players of league ages 11 and 12 years old.

TEIFER LEAGUE: For players of league ages 13 and 14 years old.

MANS LEAGUE: For players of league ages 15, 16 and 17 years old.

DOWNRIVER BASEBALL ASSOCIATION LEAGUES: Reference DBA rules.

Above rules may be altered, subject to registration or expansion by the Board of Directors.

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

Every coach and assistant coach is required to sign a "City of Trenton, Parks an Recreation Department, Code of Conduct" and follow this philosophy without exception. A "Personal Review Authorization" form must also be signed and sent to the City of Trenton for a background check. Please reference the Code of Conduct rules and procedures.

**DISMISSAL**

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A player, manager, coach or umpire may be dismissed from the Trenton Baseball Association for conduct derogatory to the best interest of the young players. Use of profane language will not be tolerated and continued show of bad sportsmanship will be just reason for dismissal.

The actions of players, managers, coaches, umpires and league officials must always be above reproach.

Managers are responsible for actions of their players, coaches and fans.

Conduct determined to be unbecoming or inexcusable is just cause for ejection from the game and possible dismissal action.

A player may be dismissed from a team with no refund of registration fee for failure to attend three (3) consecutive practice sessions and/or games without good reason. Illness, family death, injuries, church and vacations are considered some good causes for being absent.

The General Manager of the league involved in any such dismissal actions will make a decision regarding that dismissal and all appeals must be submitted to the Board.

Unnecessary roughness by a player will be the basis of giving such player a warning for the first offense. If a player continues to be unnecessarily rough, causes fights among the players team members or opponents, he/she may be suspended from the league for the remainder of the season.

If at any time a manager takes his team off the field because he does not agree with an umpire's decision, that manager may be subject to dismissal procedures.

**FIELD DECORUM**

Coaches are responsible for the dress of their players. Uniformed players, managers, coaches and umpires only shall be permitted within the confines of the player field just prior to and during games. Except for the batter, base runners, the player on deck and coaches at first and third base, all players shall be on their benches when their team is at bat. When a team is on defense, all reserve players not in the field shall be on their benches.

The use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs in any form by players or adult leaders on the playing field, dugout or player bench is prohibited.

Chattering at or badgering opposing teams is inappropriate and the Board of Directors suggests that each coach encourages their players to refrain from such activities.

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**COACHING**

Adult coaches are allowed in the first and third base coach's boxes and they may have, if they wish, a player-coach with them who must wear a protective helmet while in the box.

Coaches will not switch coaching boxes during an inning when there is more than one coach.

Any manager or coach who goes onto the field MORE than ONCE in their defensive half of the inning to talk to a player or players, will be required to make a pitching change. The only exception to this rule is in the case of injury or if time is called by the opposing team or umpires. See Attachment I for special rules for this paragraph for the CASTIGNOLA league.

**THE PLAYING FIELD**

CASTIGNOLA LEAGUE 8u: The pitcher's mound shall be 40 feet from the back of home plate to the front of the pitcher's slab. The distance between all bases shall be 60 feet.

GIBBS LEAGUE 10u: The pitcher's mound shall be 46 feet from the back of home plate to the front of the pitcher's slab. The distance between all bases shall be 65 feet.

MCINTOSH LEAGUE 12u: The pitcher's mound shall be 50 feet from the back of home plate to the front of the pitcher's slab. The distance between all bases shall be 70 feet.

TEIFER LEAGUE 14u: The pitcher's mound shall be 54 feet from the back of home plate to the front of the pitcher's slab. The distance between all bases shall be 80 feet.

MANS LEAGUE 18u: The pitcher's mound shall be 60 feet 6 (6) inches from the back of home plate to the front of the pitcher's slab. The distance between all bases shall be 90 feet.

For all leagues, the size of the batter's box shall be the standard 6 feet by 4 feet. Also, the home plate, the pitcher's slab (rubber) and the bases shall be official size as used in regulation baseball.

**EQUIPMENT**

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The ball must weigh not less than five (5) or more than five in one quarter ( $5 \frac{1}{4}$ ) ounces and measure not less than nine (9) or more than nine and one quarter ( $9 \frac{1}{4}$ ) inches in circumference. Note: The CASTIGNOLA LEAGUE may use a lighter ball as long as it is the same size.

Only approved aluminum bats with rubber grips or wooden bats will be allowed. No tape is allowed on wooden bats.

CASTIGNOLA LEAGUE 8u: The bats shall be no more than 30 inches in length and no more than  $2 \frac{1}{4}$  inches in diameter at its thickest part. There is no restriction on the “drop” or difference in the length of the bat and the weight of the bat. No big Barrel bats

GIBBS LEAGUE 10u: The bats shall be no more that 35 inches in length and no more than  $2 \frac{3}{4}$  inches in diameter at its thickest part. There is no restriction on the “drop” or difference in the length of the bat and the weight of the bat.

MCINTOSH LEAGUE 12u

The bats shall be no more that 35 inches in length and no more than  $2 \frac{3}{4}$  inches in diameter at its thickest part. There is no restriction on the “drop” or difference in the length of the bat and the weight of the bat.

TEIFER 14u AND MANS LEAGUES 18u: Michigan High School Rules apply. See DBA Rules

All teams are required to use protective helmets, which have been approved by the league and shall be a baseball headgear that gives protection to the temple, ears and bass of the skull. Batters, base runners and batters in the on deck circle and player coaches must wear helmets. If the helmet has a strap, it must be worn.

All catchers must wear catcher’s helmet, throat guards and masks.

Any player requiring glasses must wear safety glasses or their equivalent.

All male players must wear metal, fiber or plastic cup-type supporters.

All female players must wear a safety pelvic girdle.

All players are required to wear conventional baseball uniform when playing in sanctioned league games.

Any exception to the uniform rule must be board approval. The Trenton Baseball Association will provide shirts and hats. Individuals are responsible for the care of their own uniform. Player must provide their pants and socks.

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**BASEBALL SHOES**

ALL LEAGUES EXCEPT Teifer and MANS: Shoes with metal cleats are PROHIBITED.

**UMPIRES**

Trenton's Recreation Director, and or designee, shall designate staff umpires. Umpires other than staff umpires must be agreed upon by the opposing managers when staff umpires fail to report on time. All staff umpires are under the supervision and are the responsibility of the Chief Umpire.

Unless the home club shall have given previous notice that the game has been postponed, the umpire(s) shall go to home plate five (5) minutes before the time set for the game where they will be met by the managers of the opposing teams and at that time go over all the ground rules pertaining to the field on which the game shall be played.

After the start of the game, any dispute pertaining to ground rules shall be governed by the umpire in charge.

Under no circumstances shall al ball game start without adult supervision for both opposing teams.

Umpires may not wear metal spikes.

Umpires will not participate in activity of teams.

**FORFEITURES AND PROTESTS**

A team failing to field at least 8 uniformed players at the scheduled starting time shall forfeit the game.

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CASTIGNOLA (8u), GIBBS(10u), AND MCINTOSH LEAGUES (12u): The umpires will stay and umpire a scrimmage if asked to do so by the coaches. Playing ineligible players shall result in forfeit of the game in which players participated illegally, if protested by any of the league managers or coaches **IN WRITING 48 HOURS OF THE GAME** or games in question, to the Board of Directors of the Trenton Baseball Association.

Any team or manger or other adult leader who withdraws a team from the playing field under any circumstances prior to the official completion of the game shall forfeit all rights to protest as prescribed in this section.

A protest based on a play that involves an umpire's judgment is not permitted. The umpire's ruling is final.

IF the protest is based upon interpretation of the rules, the objecting manager must notify the umpire that the game is being played under protest at the time the play occurs, in which case the umpires then notifies the opposing manger and makes a public announcement to the crowd.

**PROTEST DOCUMENT:** A protest based on rule interpretation must be submitted in writing ot the general manager within 48 hours of the completion on the game. This document must describe in detail the cause of the protest, shat actions the umpire took and the specific rule that is being protested. The form must be signed by the manager and contain all the pertinent information and given to the general manager before any consideration can be made.

Any manager or coach deliberately breaking any rules set forth by the Trenton baseball Association will automatically forfeit the game and will be brought before the Board of Directors who will then initiate dismissal procedures.

**POSTPONED AND REGULATION GAMES**

The two (2) head coaches/managers and the head umpire shall determine the starting or postponement of the scheduled game due to inclement weather, muddy fields and other such conditions that might prove harmful to the players.

Once a game has started, it can only be called by the umpire in charge.

The Trenton Parks and Recreation Department will reschedule postponed games. These games will be played from scratch.

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**COMPLETE GAMES AND COMPLETE INNINGS**

CASTIGNOLA 8u games shall be 6 innings in duration. GIBBS LEAGUE (10u) games shall be 5 innings in duration. MCINTOSH LEAGUE (12u) game shall be seven (7) innings in duration. It is a regulation game if the game is called by the umpire due to darkness, rain or other causes which the umpire considers would interfere with further play, provided four (4) or more innings have been played or 3 ½ innings if the home team is in the lead. The game shall be terminated and the team with the most runs declared the winner. If the game is called when the teams have not had an equal number of completed turns at bat, the score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning; except that if the home team in its half of the uncompleted inning, score a run (or runs) which equals or exceeds the opponent's score, the final score shall be as recorded when the game is called.

CASTIGNOLA 8u AND GIBBS LEAGUE 10u: No extra innings. Except Playoffs

MCINTOSH LEAGUE 12u: No extra innings except playoffs

CASTIGNOLA (8u) AND GIBBS LEAGUE (10u): To constitute an "inning" the team at bat must 1) have all players bat, or 2) 5 runs scored (the inning ends when the 5<sup>th</sup> run crosses the plate), or 3) three (3) outs have been made; the inning is over, whichever occurs first. There is no limit to the number of runs scored in the last inning but the other rules apply.

MCINTOSH LEAGUE (12u): To constitute an inning the team at bat must: 1) have five (5) runs scored (the inning ends when the 5<sup>th</sup> run crosses the plate) or 2) three (3) outs made; the inning is over, whichever occurs first. The seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) inning (last) there is unlimited scoring.

TEIFER AND MANS LEAGUE: High School rules apply. See DBA Rules

**SCOREKEEPERS**

The official scorekeeper shall be the home team.

Each player shall be listed by name and number.

Each team shall keep an accurate record of the following: players name and number, innings played, at bats, runs, errors, hits, strikeouts, base on balls, innings pitched by each pitcher, scheduled starting time of game, and actual starting time if the game was delayed.

All games will be scored in the scorebooks provided by the league. These scorebooks may be taken from the manager for review at any time by the General Manager or upon request of the Board of Directors.

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**SCHEDULES AND ROSTERS**

The General Manager shall try to provide a schedule of not less than (2) games per week per team.

This schedule may vary depending upon the expansion of the league.

All league play and playoff play must be terminated two (2) weeks prior to the opening of the fall school term of the Trenton School District.

A roster consisting of each player's name and uniform number must be submitted to the General Manager and equipment manager before the first game of the season or that game will be forfeited.

All games should be completed on the schedule, if at all possible.

**BATTING RULES**

"Batting out of turn" - refer to Michigan High School Baseball rules.

A batter having hit the ball while standing outside the batter's box is OUT.

A batter having hit the ball while standing on home plate is OUT.

A batted ball striking home plate and staying in fair territory is considered a fair ball and is in play.

**FIELDING RULES**

Any fielder must keep their glove in their possession while fielding their position.

A fielder throwing their glove while fielding the ball shall be penalized by awarding the base runner three (3) extra bases.

A runner is out when the runner fails to yield right of way to a fielder fielding a fair fly rule.

**STEALING**

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CASTIGNOLA LEAGUE 8u: No base stealing, no lead offs.

GIBBS LEAGUE 10u: GIBBS LEAGUE 10u: The pitched ball must be past the plate before the runner on base may leave the bag. One warning per game per team will be given where upon the runner will be returned to the base the runner left (Note: the ball is dead before it reaches the plate – replay play.) Thereafter the runner will be called out. **No base runner may score unless the ball is put into play or the batter is walked. This includes over throws to third base on a steal attempt. A runner may score on over throws that go out of play and bases are awarded by the umpire.**

MCINTOSH: 12u 2009 amended rules

The 12u division will play under the following rules for the 2009 season:

- Leads offs will be allowed from all bases.
- A base runner who has reached third base will not be allowed to steal or take home unless the ball is put in play by a batter.
- All base runners, including runners at third base, will move up on balls that are thrown out of play.

Here are some examples for this rule:

A runner will be considered having reached third base, is one that has reached the base and play has stopped. If runners are on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and there is a steal attempt, the runner from third may not steal or take home even on an overthrow to second base. (This is to allow catchers to make an attempt on the runner)

Runners on third leading off may be picked off and must return to the bag on a pick-off attempt. If a pickle play were to happen or the runner were to score on this, then the team will be given one warning and the runner will be sent back. If the runner is tagged out during this pickle play, either at home or third, the runner will be out.

*(Coaches real simple. Take safe leads at third. Suicide squeeze plays are allowed. If the batter missed the bunt, the runner would be considered in a pickle (and could be tagged out) or sent back to the third base if they score on a missed bunt.(this would also be included in one team warning)*

TEIFER and MANS LEAGUES: Michigan High School Rules apply.

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**PLAYER PARTICIPATION RULES**

CASTIGNOLA(8u), GIBBS(10u) AND MCINTOSH LEAGUES(12u): A team may play 10 players in the field but the extra player must play as an outfielder. The outfielders shall be called: right fielder, right center fielder, left center fielder and left fielder. The umpire will determine if the extra player is in an outfield position and if he/she is not, then the umpire will request that the player move to an outfield position.

All players will be in the batting line up. If, for example, 15 players are present, the batting line up will be 1 through 15. If a player arrives after the start of the game, he/she will be added to the end of the batting order.

ALL LEAGUES: All players must be given an opportunity to participate in league games. The following rule shall be established and strictly enforced. Any violation of this rule must be submitted to the Board of Directors within 72 hours in writing, by the appropriate team manager, who will first, ensure that the claim is justifiable.

All players must play a least three (3) complete innings per game and bat at least once unless the game is called for any reason before the regulation innings can be played to conclusion.

NOTE: A team having more players present than the opposing team must still abide by the rule as stated above.

Players may be benched as a disciplinary action for rule or conduct infractions but the opposing manager and the General Manager must be notified of this action prior to the game.

**REENTRY RULE**

CASTIGNOLA LEAGUE 8u: There is unlimited substitution in the field. Batting order is fixed for the game.

GIBBS(10u), MCINTOSH(12u) There is unlimited substitution in the field. Batting order is fixed for the game A pitcher, once removed from the mound, may not return as a pitcher in that game. Batting order is fixed for the game.

TEIFER LEAGUES(14u) See DBA Rules

MANS LEAGUE: Michigan High School Rules apply. See DBA Rules

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**ADDITIONAL PLAYING RULES**

There is no mercy rule except DBA games; all games will be played to completion subject to weather and time limits.

On all close plays, the runner must slide (except first base). If in the umpire's judgment, a player did not slide and make contact with a fielder, the player can be called out and ejected from the game.

No Player shall be permitted to play with any form of CAST (plaster, meta, plastic or other material.) The manager will enforce this rule for the safety of the players.

CASTIGNOLA LEAGUE: See Attachment I for additional rules.

**PITCHING RULES**

INNINGS:

CASTIGNOLA LEAGUE (8U): Coach of team batting operates **pitching machine** but is not a fielder.

GIBBS LEAGUE(10u): Each pitcher may only pitch to a maximum of six (6) consecutive outs per game but no more than two innings. One ball pitched constitutes an inning pitched.

MCINTOSH (12u): A pitcher shall not pitch more than four (4) innings in one game. One ball pitched constitutes an inning pitched.

TEIFER LEAGUES: See DBA Rules

MANS LEAGUE: MSHAA rules apply See DBA Rules.

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At the beginning of each inning the pitcher may warm up by using not more than five (5) throws. When a pitcher is replaced during an inning, the relief pitcher may not use more than eight throws. In either case the umpire-in-chief may authorize more throws because of an injury or inclement weather.

GIBBS (10u) AND MCINTOSH LEAGUES (12u): A pitcher shall not throw a deliberate curve ball or any pitch other than a straight ball. After a warning by the umpire, the second offense will result in removal from pitching for that game. Change up are ok

TIEFER (14u) AND MANS LEAGUE(18u): Pitchers may throw a curve ball.

**BALK RULES**

GIBBS LEAGUES (10u): No balk rule in effect, however, a quick pitch shall be called a ball.

MCINTOSH LEAGUE (12u): Each pitcher will get one educational balk per game (no base will be awarded, the play is dead and runners must return to their base), after which balks will be called.

TEIFER (14u) AND MANS LEAGUES (18u): All balks will be called. See DBA Rules

**SPITBALL RULE**

GIBBS(10u) AND MCINTOSH LEAGUES(12u): There shall be no spitball rule enforced.

TEIFER AND MANS LEAGUES: A pitcher wetting his fingers in any manner shall be given one warning. A second offense will result in removal from pitching for that game. See DBA Rules

**INTENTIONAL WALK**

The defensive coach may allow the batter to take first base without throwing any pitches.

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**PLAYOFF DATES**

Playoff dates will be set by the Board of Directors at the conclusion of the regular season play. All rules and number of playoff games shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

**TIME LIMITS**

CASTIGNOLA (8U) AND GIBBS LEAGUE (10u): No new inning may start after one and one half (1 ½) hours from the start of the game. The start time for a new inning begins when the last out of the previous half inning is made. The total time limit for any game is two hours. After two hours has elapsed, the game will be stopped at that point. IF the game is called when the teams have not had an equal number of completed turns at bat, the score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning; except that, if the home team (in its half of the incomplete inning) scores a run (or runs) which equals or exceeds the opponent's score, the final score shall be as recorded when the game is called.

MCINTOSH LEAGUE (12u): No new inning may be started after a period of one hour and 45 minutes from the start of the first game. The above CASTIGNOLA AND GIBBS LEAGUES rule applies for the remainder of the TIME LIMIT rules for the first game.

TEIFER AND MANS LEAGUES: The time limit rules will be established by the leagues these teams are participating in or if there are none, the Michigan High School Rules will apply.

It is recommended that both managers in the presence of the head umpire record the starting time of the game. All time measurements will be from the actual start time of the game not the scheduled starting time. All decisions in regard to time and time limits are to be made by the umpire and they are not subject to protest.

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Attachment I – 7 & 8 Additional Rules

1. For the children to learn baseball and have fun
2. Parents are spectators. They have no say in anything on the field.
3. Coach has all final decisions regarding his team.
4. Catcher can use any type of glove.
5. Two coaches are allowed on the field for defense, but must be even with or behind the outfielders.
6. All players must play at least three innings in the field.
7. Game is 6 innings long, no extra innings in regular games. Extra innings will only be played in playoff games if necessary to break a tie.
8. No walks will be called. **EACH BATTER WILL GET FOUR GOOD STRIKES/SWINGS BEFORE A STRIKE OUT WILL BE RECORDED. IT WILL BE THE JUDGEMENT OF THE UMPIRE IF THE PITCH IS OUT SIDE THE STRIKE ZONE (NO PITCH).**
9. Ten players on the field – four must be in the outfield. The outfield positions are: left field, left center, right center, right field. The outfielders must play on the grass behind the infield with the exception of large fields (i.e. Teifer Park), in which case they must play 12 to 15 feet behind the infielders and/or the base paths.
10. The infielders cannot play closer than the base path.
11. All players bat or until 5 runs have been scored or 3 outs have been made in the inning, with the exception to the final inning where you have unlimited scoring.
12. Sliding is permitted and required to avoid contact with a defensive player on a base.
13. Official scorer is the home team.
14. **RUNNERS will not advance on an over throws that goes our of bounds or from the infield to the outfield**
15. Ball hit into the outfield – runners are allowed to continue running until ball is thrown in the general vicinity of someone in the infield. The infield is considered the bases. Once ball is in the infield, runners may only continue **at risk** to the base they are headed to. If a runner continues to run, play will be stopped and the runner must go back to the last base. You may still make a play on the runner advancing to the base he is headed to, but he cannot go any further, even if the ball is thrown away.
16. No arguing with the umpires.
17. No lead-offs. There will be no warning; the umpire will call the player out.
18. Players reporting once the game has started will go to the end of the batting order.
19. **This division uses a pitching machine.**
20. **Any balls that strike the pitching machine are live.**
21. **The home team is responsible for supplying the pitching machine AND ONLY COACHES ARE TO OPERATE IT.**
22. **The pitcher must start even with the front of the machine and play within a 3 foot radius of the pitching machine.**

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## 2009 Trenton Baseball Association Rules Summary

(MHSAA rules apply except as noted below)

### Attachment II

	8u Castignola	10u Gibbs	12u McIntosh	14u DBA	18u DBA
Pitchers Mound (back of home plate)	40 feet	46 feet	50 feet	54 feet	
Base Paths	60 feet	65 feet	70 feet	80 feet	
Metal Cleats	No	No	No	Yes	
Minimum Players Necessary	8	8	8	8	
Umpires Must Stay for a Scrimmage	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Time Limits (No new innings after) (A) Game ends. If not complete use last complete inning for final game score. (B) 1 <sup>st</sup> game. 2 <sup>nd</sup> game is darkness	1-1/2 hrs	1-1/2 hrs (A)	1-3/4 hrs (B)	No limit unless another game follows then 2 hours	
Normal Game Length (Innings)	6	5	7	7	
Minimum Innings for a complete game (1/2 less if home team is ahead)	4	4	4	7	
Extra innings when game is tied	No	No	Yes/Time limit	Yes	
Complete innings of play: Outs	3	3	3	3	
“ “ “ : At Bats	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	
“ “ “ : Runs scored	5 <sup>th</sup> run	5 <sup>th</sup> run	5 <sup>th</sup> run	Unlimited / 10 run mercy after 5 innings	
Last inning runs scored	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	
Last inning at bats	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	
Infield fly rule	None	None	None	Yes	
Lead offs	None	None	Yes	Yes	
Base stealing after ball passes/leaves:	None	Plate	Anytime	Anytime	

TRENTON BASEBALL ASSOCIATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

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(MHSAA rules apply except as noted below)

### Attachment II

	8u Castignola	10u Gibbs	12u McIntosh	14u DBA	18u DBA
Stealing Home	No	No	NO	Yes	Yes
Number of Fielders	10	10	10	9	9
Bating Line UP	All Players	All Players	All Players	Optional	Optional
Minimum defensive innings per player per game	3	3	3	3	3
Substitution	Free	Free	Free	See DBA rules	See DBA rules
Pitcher re-entry to mound	N/A	No	No	No	No
Pitching limits (one pitch = inning pitched)	Coach	2 innings	4 innings	4 innings	5 innings
Curve Balls	None	None	None	Yes	Yes
Mercy rule	None	None	None	Yes	Yes
Balk Rule	None	None	One instructional call then MHSAA	MHSAA	MHSAA
Dropped third strike	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Intentional Walks	None	Allowed	Allowed	See DBA rules	See DBA rules
Waiting time before calling forfeit	Game Time	Game Time	Game Time	15 minutes	15 minutes
Bat size – Maximum diameter	2-1/4	2-3/4	2-3/4	2-5/8 3 drop	2-5/8 3 drop
Mandatory slide (Umpire can call runner out and eject him/her)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



