



# Playoff Rules

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## Scheduling:

- to be determined by League

## Game Play

- Game length
  - Juniors/Seniors: 7 innings
  - Majors: 6 innings
  - Minors: 5 innings
- Games must be completed in full, or as specified by the Board of Directors
- Mercy rules NOT in effect
- Starting Times
  - All weeknight playoff games will start at 6pm. Games not started by 6:15pm are subject to forfeit.
  - Weekend games not started within 15 minutes of their scheduled start time will be subject to forfeit.
- Pitching - Regular season limit on strikeouts applies and hit batters
  - If the game goes into extra innings, pitchers will be given 1 additional strike-out per inning
- Steals – Regular season rules apply.
- Extra Innings - Any game tied after regulation will proceed with International Tie Breaker rules.
  - At the start of each inning, a runner is placed on second base – no outs
  - The runner is the last batter to make an out in the previous inning.
  - At least one full inning is played, allowing each team the same chance to score.
  - If the score remains tied, the same process is used in each inning until one team scores more runs than the other at the end of a complete inning

## Call-ups

- Maximum of three (3) players from the inhouse division directly below approved by that division's head
- A player called up may NOT pitch in playoffs
- All other regular season call-up rules apply

## Playing Time

- Each player must play minimum of 3 innings defensively (9 outs). If not, the game will be forfeited.
- No player may sit more than one inning in a row (including extra innings)
- All other rules from the Regular Season apply.

## Standings for inclusion in Playoffs.

- Standings are based on winning percentage
- When a tie exists in the standings, the following will be used to decide standings
  - First, head-to-head records of tied teams.
  - Second, lowest runs against (average per game if # of games uneven)
  - Third, coin flip
- For standings purposes, forfeits will be entered as 7-0 loss (double forfeits each team gets 7-0 loss)
- Single or double elimination will be decided for each division based on # of teams and field space available.
- The home team will always be the team listed higher in the standings (calculated at the end of the regular season) per the above criteria.