

2026 Minor League Baseball Local Rules

Below are commonly requested rule clarifications and local rules:

1. Max 6 innings per game, minimum of 4 per game
Max 1.5 hours per game
2. **Runs per Inning (Local Rule):** 3 outs or max 5 runs per half inning (whichever comes first)
3. **The Batter/Runner**
 - a. Batter starts with a 2-1 count – 2 Balls, 1 Strike (Keep the game moving)
 - b. No walks; Batter can either strike out or hit the ball into play
 - c. After a hit, if the ball reaches the outfield use discretion on the number of bases taken by the runner. Otherwise, one base per hit
 - d. No stealing
 - e. No on deck position/batter. All on deck players must remain inside the dugout during each inning
4. **The Pitcher**
 - a. **Pitching Distance** – 35ft
 - b. Player pitch until ball 4, then Coach pitch
 - c. Coach can throw no more than **4 pitches** per batter (Keep the game moving)
 - d. No walks; the batter can either strike out or hit the ball into play