

# J-V I-94 YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE RULES

I-94 info available at [www.minnewaskabaseball.com](http://www.minnewaskabaseball.com)

## 1. The J-V division will consist of 5th & 6th grade players.

- A. No A and B teams. (No stacked teams.)
- B. If a town has multiple teams at one level they should be split even.
- C. Players can be moved up or down a level based on ability.
- D. Maximum of 3 players can be moved up or down per team.
- E. A player may only be rostered on ONE I94 team.
- D. Player must be from towns high school attendance area.

## 3. Field dimensions:

- A. Pitching rubber to home plate is 52 feet.
- B. Base paths are 75 feet.

## 4. All Regular season games will be Thursday's at 6:30.

- A. Starting the first Thursday in June.
- B. Ending the first Thursday in August.

## 5. Bad weather/extreme heat:

- A. Both coaches will come to a mutual decision using best judgement.
  - 1. In case of postponement coaches reschedule.
  - 2. Home team must notify League of reschedule within 48hrs.
- B. If you can hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you.

## 5. Game Length:

- A. 6 innings
  - 1. 3-1/2 innings is an official game for bad weather or darkness.
  - 2. 10 run rule after 5 innings.

## 6. Equipment:

- A. Shoes:
  - 1. Molded plastic or rubber spikes
  - 2. Tennis shoes
- C. Bat size:
  - 1. Maximum barrel diameter is 2 3/4".
  - 2. Minimum length/weight restriction is -10.
  - 3. 2 1/4" barrel diameter, no restrictions on weight.
- D. Protective Cups - highly recommended for all players.
  - 1. All Pitchers & Catchers must have one.
- E. Uniforms should be same color & style.
  - 1. No shorts or sandals.

## 7. General Rules:

- A. Home Team:
  - 1. Keeps official scorebook during game.
  - 2. Reports score to league within 48hrs of game completion.
  - 3. Has to have field ready to play at game time.
  - 4. Provide umpire(s).
- B. 6 run limit per inning for every inning including the bottom half of the 6th.

## 7. General rules continued

- C. Playing time- all players are to get equal playing time.
- D. Baseballs - Home team must provide 2 new/game.
  - 1. Rawlings or Diamond little league.
- E. Play at the plate- all levels- if there is a play at home runner must slide or will be called out.
  - 1. No head first slide into home plate.
- F. No infield fly rule.
- G. Batters may advance to first on a dropped third strike if first base is not occupied, or with 2 outs.
- H. Extra Inning Rules - Start with runner on 2nd base.  
Runner is Last out of last inning. Rule Good for Reg Season and Tourney Play
- I. No Bunting. Swinging the bat is the focus of this league both during season and during Tourney Play
- J. Any defensive play made on a baserunner, the runner is allowed to advance on an overthrow.  
Overthrows to the pitcher are not considered defensive plays.

## 8. Pitching Restrictions

- A. 9 consecutive outs maximum/ game
- B. Outs must be consecutive, no reentry at pitcher.
- C. Relief pitchers may only enter to pitch once.
- D. 7th graders dropping down cannot pitch.
- E. No Curve Balls Allowed

## 9. Continuous batting & free substitution except pitchers

- A. Must bat entire roster.
- B. Entire roster must play a minimum of 2 innings in the field.
  - 1. Injured players can be skipped w/o it being an out.
- C. Minimum number of players to start game is 8.
- D. Maximum of 10 players in the field.
  - 1. No non roster players allowed. If you can't field 8, reschedule.
  - 1. 4 outfielders, 4 infielders, 1 catcher, & 1 pitcher.

## 10. Base running:

- A. Player can steal after the pitch leaves the pitchers hand.
- B. May lead off base after pitch has left the pitchers hand.
  - 1. Two warnings per team for leaving early, next is an out.
- C. No stealing home. Runner can advance home from 3rd if a defensive player puts the ball into play.  
An overthrow from catcher to pitcher is not putting the ball in play.

## 11. Umpires

- A. Coaches must review rules with Umpires before game.
- B. Umpires must be minimum of 3 years old than players.

## 12. Standings

- 1. I94 will maintain standings throughout season.
- 2. Home team must report score within 48hrs of game completion.
  - A. If game is postponed home team must report new game schedule within 48hrs of original game time.
- 3. Tie Breakers
  - A. Head to Head

- B. Least runs allowed
- D. Coin flip

13. Championship Day

- 1. Top 8 teams overall record to determine tournament bracket for Championship Day
- 2. JV Tournament held in Albany

14. Unsportsman Like conduct will not be tolerated and includes but not limited to:

- 1. Verbal abuse
- 2. Physical aggression
- 3. Tantrum-like acts
- 4. Arguing umpire judgement calls
- 5. Profanity