

BMSL BY-LAWS (revised 4/10)

- 1) All participants must work or live in Bedford. Returning players from the previous year, who no longer fit these criteria, will be “grand fathered” and allowed to participate.
- 2) All rostered players, which are present at their team’s game, will be placed in the batting order and allowed to hit.
- 3) All bats used must be the bats provided by the league stored in the Chubbuck field box.
- 4) Runners are not allowed to lead or steal.
- 5) Defensive free and unlimited substitutions are allowed.
- 6) All league games will consist of 9 innings.
- 7) Players arriving after the game has started will be placed at the end of the batting order.
- 8) Catchers are not allowed to block, sit or kneel on the plate at any time (if no ball is in his possession). Infractions of this rule during a game will result in an interference call by the umpire and subject to ASA rules.
- 9) Subs may be chosen from the official sub list only, unless the opposing team agrees to allow the “non listed” player to play. Should more than one team contact a sub for the same game the sub will play for the team that contacted the sub first.
- 10) A team may utilize the sub list if they have 10 or less known players scheduled to participate in a given game.
- 11) A rostered player must play a minimum of 5 regular season games to be eligible to play in the playoffs. Exception would be if said player has a legitimate injury that prevented him from playing the minimum 5 regular season games. All injuries must be reported to the league President when injury occurs. The President must again be notified when player is once again eligible to resume playing.
- 12) Subs are not allowed in the playoffs, unless they have played the 5 regular season game minimum with the respective team or unanimously approved by a vote of all other team coach’s.

13) If a team only has eight players, then the opposing team will supply a catcher and the game will be official. The catcher is only required to throw the ball back to the pitcher after the ball has been pitched and is not involved on any defensive play.

14) A team must have 8 players on the field (including said catcher from rule 11) otherwise the game will result in a forfeit and the win awarded to the opposing team.

15) If a team does not have the required number of players 15 minutes after the scheduled start time, it becomes a 7-inning game; 30-minutes late results in a forfeit.

16) Should a game result in a forfeit based on BMSL rules the 2 teams involved may override such forfeit and agree to play said game. Both teams should be aware that should they choose to override said forfeit, this will be a sanctioned game and the results official. Exception: games being negotiated to be a non-forfeit are to be no more than 7 innings long or 90 minutes from the original start time, whichever comes first. Any inning started within the 90 minute limitation can be completed.

17) If a player intentionally (determined by the umpire) throws a bat he will be automatically ejected from that game and the following game.

18) A courtesy runner will be allowed at anytime during the game for a player that is injured. It will be the decision of the opposing team as to who will be the substitute runner. It is not to be a player that is in the next 4 batting positions in the upcoming batting order.

19) Should there be a conflict of a rule during the game, the rule should be discussed by the umpire and head coaches only. The umpire determines the final rule interpretation.

20) A player does not have to slide at a play at home plate, however, should a player not slide and contact is made, and in the umpires judgment it was made with intent to injure, that player will be ejected from that game, the next game and then reviewed by the Commissioner for possible expulsion from the league. The ASA interference rule applies for all other bases.

21) If a team is ahead by 15 or more runs after 7 completed innings, the game is over. However, should both teams agree to continue play, the game will be completed through 9 innings and the final score will be official. However, this rule does not apply should said game interfere with the next scheduled game. In this case the game is officially over at the start of the next regularly scheduled game.

22) There is no home run limit at Chubbuck field.

23) Metal cleats are not allowed.

24) Unless otherwise approved by the BMSL board of directors, no more than 3 players per team per year can switch to another single team.