



MASSASOIT SPRING LEAGUE RULES 2026 (13U-18U)

Field Size: Seniors play on a 60/90 field

Line Up / Start of Game:

- Every player bats in the line-up
- Line-up cards will be exchanged between managers prior to the games
 - Late arriving players should be placed at the end of the line-up. If a player is on the line-up card and they are not present during their at-bat, an out is recorded. If the player has not arrived by the time their spot at the bottom of the order is reached, the coach may elect to remove them instead of taking an out. That player however may not return to the line-up that game.
 - If a player leaves the game due to an injury, an out is NOT recorded when they come up to bat, but they may not return to that game
- No additions after a line-up card is submitted
- Players are only allowed to be rostered on one team
- Call-overs (players from another team in the same town) are allowed when you cannot field at least 8 players
- Call-overs must not conflict with their regularly scheduled game
- Call-overs cannot pitch
- Call-overs must be inserted at the bottom of the lineup

Game Schedule:

- Refer to the Massasoit Spring League official schedule for starting times
- 15-minute grace period allowed
- A team must have 8 players to start a game. No game may proceed with less than 8 players and will result in a forfeit
- If a game results in a forfeit, the score shall be recorded as 10-0

Game Duration:

- Seven (7) innings in length
- No new inning can start after 2 hours and 15 minutes from official start time
- It is recommended that each Manager and the plate Umpire note and log game start time
- Two & Half Hour Limit. If 7innings are not complete within the two & half hour limit, the score will revert to the last complete inning



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Free Substitution:

- Unlimited (free) field substitutions allowed
- Injuries allow the next player to bat without penalty of an out; exceptions for ejections

Fielding:

- No defensive minimum inning rule
- No hidden ball tricks or deception allowed
- Infield fly and dropped 3rd strike are in effect

Pitching:

- No pitcher can re-enter as pitcher
- Pitch Count adheres to Pitch Smart USA Guidelines
- Infield fly and dropped 3rd strike are in effect. **Little League towns make note of thresholds and pitch recording**
- All Pitch types are allowed
- Any pitching violations are reviewed by SEMA Baseball. Coaches from each division will be reported to the chairman of the protest committee. The chairman of the protest committee will call the manager in violation and inform him/her of the penalty
- If a game is suspended, and the finish rescheduled, Pitch Smart rules will apply for eligibility

Pitching Guidelines for Playoffs:

- A pitcher can pitch the entire length of the playoffs if said pitcher follows the Smart Pitch USA Guidelines. Pitches, however; do not “reset” at the start of the playoffs

Balks:

- Balks will be called. Each pitcher will get no warning per game with runners advancing on umpire balk calls to the assigned base.



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Mound Visits:

- Only 2 trips to the mound by either a manager or coach or any combination of the 2 per inning. On the third trip, the pitcher must be removed from the mound. Calling a pitcher or catcher to the sideline will be considered a trip to the mound, per the Cal Ripken rule book
- Calling pitcher or catcher to the sideline is considered a mound trip
- There is no mounding. Time must be granted or called by the umpire. Only the umpire can determine when a play has stopped

Metal Cleats:

- Metal cleats are allowed

Run Limitations / Starting New Innings:

- Unlimited runs per inning
- Umpire-in-Chief will determine if a new inning can start based on time limits

Slaughter Rule:

- The slaughter rule is 15 (or more) after 4 full innings, 10 (or more) after 5 full innings

Batting:

- Bunting allowed; slashing not allowed. Slashing results in batter being called out
- Only BBCOR & USA Bats allowed
- Penalty for using an illegal bat: "A batter is out if he enters the batter's box with an illegal bat or is discovered having used an illegal bat. If the infraction is discovered before the next pitch following the turn at bat of the player who used an illegal bat, the defense may take the penalty or the result of the play
- It is highly recommended that all players remove any non-compliant bats from their bags prior to games

Stealing:

- Unlimited leading and stealing is allowed. Runners do not need to return to their base between pitches except in the event of a dead ball (foul ball, batter hit by pitch, time out, etc.)
- Tagging up is allowed from any base.



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Slide Rule:

- Runner must slide OR avoid contact in a legal running lane
- If a base runner does not slide or avoid contact with the base fielder, the runner shall be declared out
- Headfirst slides are allowed.
- Catchers must not block access to the plate without the ball. Managers should direct catchers to stand in front of, and not straddle, the plate on a play at home

Umpire Requirements

- Please refer to our [spring standards page](#) for current umpire requirements.