

2024 UCPS MS Baseball Rules

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Play by NFHS Rules governed by NCHSAA

Middle school age restriction: Players can't turn 15 on or before October 15th of current school year. If player is turns 15 before October 16 they are NOT eligible to play. Any player requesting to play outside of their district must have approval from opposing coach prior to game day roster submission. Players are limited to 6 consecutive semesters from the first day of 6th grade.

Courtesy Runners: Courtesy runners for catchers & pictures only at any time. Courtesy runner must be bench personal and can only run once per inning. If batting a full roster last batted out will be curtesy runner.

If a player steps into the batter box with an illegal bat the player will be deem out.

Pitching: Each pitcher is limited to the following pitch count. The days of rest are complete days starting the following day. Pitch count uses the 1st pitch of the last batter he faces. Pitcher can complete that batter. Example: (Varsity) Play on Wednesday: Starts his last batter at 57 and finishes batter with 64, 2 days rest (Thursday & Friday) picture is available to pitch again on Saturday.

League	Daily Max	Required Days Rest				
		0 Days	1 day	2 days	3 Days	4 days
JV	85	20 or less	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+
Varsity	95	30 or less	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+

If you are caught using an illegal pitcher it is a FORFEIT. Stats will be kept by using game changer.

- **Batting:** Team can play the EH (10 Batters) and this person can be used in the field at any time and does not have to report in to umpires. One note to this rule: If you start with 10 you must finish with 10 or it is a forfeit. Cannot start with 10 and finish with 9. Teams are allowed to use DH per NFHS.
- **Bat:** BB core drop 3 for Varsity

Bat Rule:

For JV:

Bats may NOT exceed 34" in length and barrel not to exceed 2-5/8" in diameter. All aluminum/alloy bats & all composite handles (only) aluminum/alloy barrel bats are allowed. Only composite barrel bats certified and marked BBCOR .50 will be allowed and composite barrel bats certified and marked USA Baseball. Wood barrel bats conforming to the specifications of Official Baseball Rule 1.10 are allowed. USA Baseball sticker placed on an older bat will NOT be allowed.

For Varsity:

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- **Time Limit: Dose NOT apply to extra-inning games – Play till completion**

Varsity: 2:15 min.: (can NOT start a new inning after 2:10)

JV: 2:15 min.: (can NOT start a new inning after 2:10)

- **Mercy Rule:** 20 after 3 innings, 15 after 4 innings 10 after 5 innings

Extra Innings:

- 8th inning: last **batted out** starts next inning on 2nd base with NO outs.

- **Baseballs:** NFHS Stamped, DBR or DBR!, RBR or RBR1 etc., home team supplies baseballs.

- **Rosters:** Each team must submit their roster to commissioner by February 28th. JV roster can only be 6th & 7th graders, Varsity can be 6th, 7th & 8th grade. Players can only be listed on one roster. Varsity players CAN'T play JV. JV players are allowed to play varsity games, but if a JV player pitches in a Varsity game they automatically move up to varsity for the remainder of the season.

- **Calendar:**

Try outs start: February 5th

First game: March 3th

Last Regular season: April 27th

Make up week: April 29th May-4th

First round playoff at higher seed: May 8th & 9th

Semifinals: May 11th

Finals: May 12th

- Innings: **ALL Varsity** games are 7 innings unless called by weather or mercy rule. Penalty: Forfeit loss for **BOTH** teams
- Innings: JV All games are 7 innings unless called by weather or mercy rule or scheduled double header, then 5 innings if both team agree. Penalty: Forfeit loss for both teams.
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- **Reschedule games:**

Reschedule Games due to weather/other will go to the NEXT game day.
 Varsity games take priority. If games are not made up it will count as forfeit loss for BOTH teams.

Game Day	Make up day	
Wednesday	Thursday	If there is a schedule JV game it gets moved to Saturday as a double header.
Thursday	Saturday	Play a double header on Saturday
Saturday	Sunday	Play whatever is scheduled on Saturday.

Playoff Rules:

Varsity Play Days: _May 8th, 11th & 12th.

JV Play Days: May 9th, 11th & 12th.

Pitch count remains in effect regardless of which days these games are played on. Example: JV player pitches 85 on Thursday and team reaches championship which is rescheduled to following Wednesday, pitcher is still NOT eligible. We would act as if we were playing on Sunday and all rules would be in effect.

Umpire Cost: TBA

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