

Greater Charlotte Middle School Athletic Association

2024 Baseball Rules

- Games will be 7 innings
- Free substitution may be used, but batting order cannot be compromised. The intent of the rule is to allow as many students as possible to play. Pitchers must follow the Federation rule regarding substitutions/re-entering the game.
- Extra Hitter (EH) does not change the line-up or batting order.
- Will utilize the 10 run rule after 5 innings.
- In the event of rain (after a game begins) or darkness, the game will be resumed on a mutually agreeable time and will begin at the point it was discontinued unless 5 completed innings have been played (4 ½ if the home team leads), in which case, the team with the most runs will be declared the winner. If teams are tied after 5 innings, they will follow the extra innings rule above. **New as of March 8, 2023 - In the event the game cannot be rescheduled, the end result will be a tie.**
- **New as of Sept. 15, 2022 -The 10 run rule will be implemented and the game will last no longer than 2 hours in length. If 10 run rule does not apply, no new inning can start after the 1 hr 50 minute mark. If the game reaches the 2 hour limit, teams must finish the inning and then implement the international tie breaker rule if necessary, meaning the last batter goes to 2nd and zero outs. There will be no more than two innings of international rule play. If still tied, the game ends in a tie.**