
2010 YOUTH BASEBALL

MPRB League Directors

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Important Dates

Monday, April 19

- Coach' Clinic – 6:30 pm at Bottineau Park

Wednesday, April 21

- Rosters for Rookie League teams and Jr RBI are due on Global Drive
- Agency Rosters due to Youth Sports by 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4

- Rookie Lg 11U and 13U Clinic – 6:30 pm at Parade Stadium

Saturday, May 15

- Rookie Lg and RBI Opening Day Ceremonies at Target Field

Friday, May 28

- Summer Jr. RBI & Sr. RBI rosters due on Global Drive
- Rookie League team Tournament Entry due on the Global Drive
- Final rosters for Rookie League & Spring Jr RBI due on Global Drive

Monday, June 7

- Senior RBI Leagues Begin

Friday, June 25

- Final Rosters for Sr RBI due on Global Drive

July 7- 14

- MPRB Rookie League and RBI Tournament

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League Details

Team Roster Size

Rec Leagues	15
Classic Leagues	13

Coaches Certification

Coaches must be MPRB certified to coach a MPRB team. Please contact your park director for details.

MPRB Invitational Tournaments

An invitational tournament will be held in all divisions. Tournament dates:

Rookie League—July 7-14

Jr. RBI July 7-14

Sr RBI July 29-August 5

Age Waivers

Contact your Park Director for Age Waiver Policy information.

	<u>Game length</u>	<u>Official Game</u>	<u>Pitching</u>	<u>Bases</u>
11U	6 innings 4 innings	10 run after 5	46'	60'
13U	6 Innings 4 innings	10 run after 5	52'	75'
Jr & Sr RBI	7 Innings 4 innings	10 run after 5	60' - 6"	90'

**No new inning may start after 1:50 after the game's first pitch.
Regular season games that are tied after regulation will remain a tie.**

A minimum of 8 players must be on the field to start play at least 10 minutes after the scheduled game time or the team will forfeit. A team must start and finish with a minimum of 8 players. Penalty: game forfeit.

Inclement Weather: Games will be delayed once lightning has been spotted. Games may be re-started when / if weather conditions improve. If a game is not continued because of bad weather and has not completed the number of innings necessary to become an official game, the game will be cancelled.

Game Cancellation Policy: Two games have been added to the schedule to guarantee the minimum number of games. A team's first two games cancelled due to bad weather will not be rescheduled. Additional cancellations due to weather will be rescheduled. **Please note: During the season, games will not be rescheduled due to non-weather related conflicts.**

If make-up games are needed, the teams involved should work with their center director(s) to determine a make up date. Once a date and field have been secured, the park director will contact the League Director to request an umpire.

Pitching Regulations:

Division	Max. outs per pitcher (outs may be non-consecutive)
Rookie League (11U,13U)	9 outs per game
Jr RBI	12 outs per game
SR RBI	HS limits on pitching

Once a pitcher has been removed, he/she may not re-enter to pitch until a new inning has begun. A pitcher may re-enter the pitcher position only one time. Example: a pitcher is removed in the first inning and re-enters the pitcher position in the third inning. When the pitcher is removed again, he/she may not re-enter the pitcher position again.

Playing Rules

The MPRB follows the baseball rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) with exceptions noted for each age group.

1. **Batting Order:** The batting order shall include all players in uniform, and they will bat in this order throughout the game. Late arrivals will be added to the bottom of the batting order. If for any reason a player has to leave the game that position in the batting order will be left blank.
2. **Participation/Substitution:** All players in uniform must play a minimum of two complete innings (6 outs) in the field, before the start of the last inning. Defensive substitution shall be unlimited for position players up to the maximum number of innings/outs allowed. For pitcher substitution, please see pitching regulations on page 2 Penalty: Game forfeit.
3. **No pinch running.** An injured player will be replaced with the player who was last put out.
4. **Coaches have the authority to withhold a player from competition because of injury or disciplinary reasons.** The coach must inform the umpire and opposing coach prior to the start of the game.
5. **The infield fly rule is in effect for all divisions.**
6. **A runner is out when he/she does not attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag, or if he/she maliciously runs into a fielder.** Malicious contact will also result in the offender being ejected from the game.
7. **The home team will occupy the third base bench.** The home team will be listed on the schedule.
8. **The team bench may only be occupied by the players and certified coaches.**

Speed Up Rules:

Starting pitchers –8 warm up pitches prior to the start of the game; 5 pitches between any subsequent inning not lasting more than one minute timed from the 3rd out of the previous ½ - inning.

Relief pitchers –8 warm up pitches prior to facing his/her first batter; 5 pitches between any subsequent inning not lasting more than one minute timed from the 3rd out of the previous ½ inning.

Courtesy Runner - At any time, the team at may use a courtesy runner for the catcher or the pitcher. A courtesy runner must be the player who was last put out. A player who violates the courtesy-runner rule is considered to be an illegal substitute. Should an injury, illness or ejection occur to the courtesy runner, he/she must be replaced with the player who was last put out.

Equipment

Bats:	11U & 13U	No limitations on differential and/or barrel size.
	Jr RBI	The maximum weight differential is -5. Example: A 33 inch bat cannot weigh less than 28 oz.
	Sr RBI	The barrel must be 2 5/8 inches or less at the thickest part. The maximum weight differential is -3. Example: A 32 inch bat cannot weigh less than 29 oz.

Jewelry: Jewelry is not allowed to be worn by players during MPRB youth baseball games. Exceptions will be made for medical alert jewelry. Medical alert bracelets or necklaces are not considered jewelry. If worn, medical alert jewelry must be taped to the body so the medical alert information remains visible.

Metal Spikes: Metal Spikes are not allowed in the 11U and 13U divisions. They are allowed in the Jr. RBI and Sr. RBI divisions.

Rookie League 11U Playing Rules

1. Batters are out on a dropped 3rd strike. Runners may advance to 2nd & 3rd at own risk.
2. Runners on third may ONLY advance on a batted ball or a bases loaded walk.
3. A team may play with 10 defensive players, specifically a fourth outfielder, who may line up no closer than 15 feet from any baseline.
4. No leading off. No stealing of 2nd and/or 3rd base until pitched ball passes home plate. A runner may not score by stealing or advancing on a wild pitch or passed ball.
Violation - Runner is called out.
5. The Balk Rule is not enforced.
6. REC LEAGUE ONLY: 5-Run per inning rule (In effect for the first 4 innings of the game). The half inning will end after 3 outs are made or 5 runs have been scored, which ever comes first. This rule will be waived in the fifth and sixth inning. ****This rule is not enforced in the 11U Classic League*****

Rookie League 13U Playing Rules

1. Use regular High School stealing and leading off rules..
2. The Balk Rule will be called.

Junior RBI

1. Jr. RBI plays by the rules published by the National Federation of State High School Association. Exceptions are listed under MPRB Rules: All Divisions.

Senior RBI

1. Senior RBI plays by the rules published by the NFHS.

