

EASTERN IOWA HIGH SCHOOL CLUB BASEBALL RULES 2022

1. **Eligibility:** Players who are in 9th -12th grade as of the beginning of the EIHSCB regular season, or at the end of the 2023/2024 school year. Any player on a sophomore/ varsity baseball roster is not eligible.
2. **Exceptions:** Upon board approval, a player on a sophomore/ varsity baseball roster may be declared eligible if there are extenuating circumstances. For example, if a player on a sophomore/ varsity roster and is not seeing any significant or minimal playing time on their high school team. The board consists of one voting member from Marion, Fairfax, North Liberty and Cedar Rapids baseball committees. The approval must carry the majority of the board. A tie vote is considered a “no”.
3. **Rosters:** Team rosters need to include name, jersey # and grade and need to be provided by to the board no later than 5/08/24. You may do this by sending your teams completed roster to jkell@cityoffairfax.org. Rosters will be sent to each board member and it will be each board members responsibility to forward to their own coaches. Players may be added to a roster during the season only with the majority of board approval. A tie vote is considered a “no”. Under no circumstances should a player not on an approved roster be allowed to participate in any game. Doing so will result in a forfeit of that game. This includes swapping players between teams during the regular season.
4. **Scoring:** Six (6) run - limit for innings 1-4. There will be no run limit in the 5th inning or after. If at the end of the 3rd inning one team is ahead by fifteen (15) runs, or the end of the 5th inning one team is ahead by ten (10) runs or more, teams will stop keeping score.
5. **Reporting game scores:** At the end of every game the winning and losing coach must report the results of the game, with score, to jkell@cityoffairfax.org. Updated standings, schedules and game results will be at cityoffairfax.org under [Fairfax Parks & Rec](#) link
6. **Pitching:** A player is allowed to pitch not more than four (4) innings per game and a total of seven (7) innings per week. This does not include the end of season tournament.
7. **Slide Rules:** A base runner must slide into home plate if there is a play. This is a judgment call by the umpire.
8. **Continuous Batting Order:** Is allowed and highly encouraged. If you are not using a continuous batting order than substitutions must follow Iowa High School Athletic Association rules.
9. **Free Substitution:** Is allowed.
10. **Game balls:** Each team will provide 1 new and 1 like new baseball each game.

11. **Games:** Are expected to start at their scheduled time. Forfeit time will be 15 minutes past the scheduled starting time. A team must have a minimum of seven players to start a game. A game is considered an official game if three and one-half (3 1/2) innings have been played with the home team ahead in score or after four (4) full innings are complete. Teams are not allowed to play with seven or eight players. Coaches are required to borrow players from the opposing team in the event of shortages (see rule 12).
12. **Defensive replacements from the opposing team:** All teams must field nine defensive players every inning. If a team has only eight (or seven) players, the opposing team will supply one (or two) defensive substitutes. For the first inning they will supply the last player (or last two players) in their batting lineup. After the first inning they will supply the player (or two players) making the last out(s). The defensive substitutes will only bat for their own team. The team receiving the defensive substitute(s) will only bat eight (or seven) batters.
13. **Time Limits:** Games will be seven (7) innings. There will be no new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes, even if the game ends in a tie. Coaches are responsible for the pace of the game (substitute runner for catcher, etc.).
14. **Umpires:** All game should have two (2) umpires. In the event only one (1) umpire is available, that umpire should call the game from behind the plate.
15. **Makeup Games:** Rainouts/ cancelled games are not required to be made up. If the game is made up please report your score.
16. **Sportsmanship:** Zero Tolerance - Unsportsmanlike conduct or inappropriate behavior by coaches, players or spectators will not be allowed. If a coach, player or spectator is ejected from a game, they will miss that game and the next one played. The board reserves the right to expel a coach, player or spectator from the league indefinitely for any infraction of this rule.

Rules not outlined above will revert to the Iowa High School Athletic Association rules.

These rules are intended to provide a safe, competitive environment and provide playing opportunities for all players. Coaches are expected to consider and apply the spirit of these rules.