

# DIAMOND MINORS (9-10) AND DIAMOND YOUTH (11-12) OZONE LEAGUE

## By-Laws

ALL GAME RULES WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE DIAMOND YOUTH BASEBALL RULEBOOK  
EXCEPT WHERE NOTED:

1. All birth dates are as of April 30th of current year.
2. There will be a **90 minute** time limit. **No new inning may start with 10 minutes or less remaining.**
3. There will be a 15 minute grace period for 6:00PM game. After that time the game will be a forfeit.  
**(The game clock will start at the scheduled game time)**
4. A team may begin a game with eight (8) players. If at game time a team has eight (8) players, they must start the game. A game may NOT start or finish with less than eight (8) players.
5. The home team will keep the official book if an official scorekeeper is not provided.
6. All batting helmets **MUST** have a face mask OR face guard (Minors). Chin straps are **NOT** required. We strongly recommend a face mask OR face guard for Youth but it isn't mandatory. Coaches (adults or players) must wear catchers mask when warming up a pitcher.
7. **A continuous batting order will be used.** If a player arrives late then they will be placed at the bottom of the batting order. If a player must leave they will be skipped in the order without penalty.
8. Free substitution will be allowed in every game on defense, all players must play six (6) outs on defense (for complete game only). If a complete game isn't played and a player does not play six outs, he must start the next game and complete his playing requirements. **Violation:** Teams not adhering to substitution rules face forfeiture of game(s) and suspension of coach. Any player being held out for disciplinary reasons must be reported to officials and opposing coach before the game. Opposing team has 15 minutes after game to file protest.
9. Any player, coach, or spectator ejected from a game by the umpire must leave the area immediately or the game may be forfeited. Any player, coach, or spectator ejected will be suspended for a minimum of one (1) game and may not come to the ball field. Second offense will result in the dismissal of that person for the remainder of the season.
10. Teams will be allowed five (5) minutes of infield practice with the home team taking infield first. There will be occasions when infield will not be taken due to weather or time restraints.
11. Home team infield practices at 5:40PM, then the away team at 5:45PM, and Umpires will have plate meeting with head coaches at 5:50PM, 1st Pitch/Game will start at 6:00PM... 2nd game may or may not have time for infield practice... As soon as Umpires take the field for the 2nd game they will have their plate meeting and announce game time as soon as plate meeting is over.
13. Games that are postponed due to inclement weather will be rescheduled by the Athletic Staff depending on time and field availability. Once a game begins, it is under the control of the game umpires. If a game is called after it has begun, the umpires will note the game conditions (time, place, time-outs, etc.) and the game will resume from the point it was interrupted. Coaches and parents are encouraged to go to our website and sign up for notifications to receive a text or email to find out when games are cancelled.
14. Games may end in a tie.
15. A fifteen run mercy rule will be in effect after 3 innings of play and a ten run mercy rule after 4 innings of play. All innings will be played until 3 outs are recorded.