

ATWATER BOMBERS FALL BASEBALL

2025 60/90 DIVISION GROUND RULES

- 1) **GENERAL RULES:** The 60/90 Division will play under the 2025 National Federation of High School (NFHS) baseball rule book and as modified by these ground rules.
- 2) **NUMBER OF PLAYERS:** Teams should field nine (9) defensive players. Teams may start and finish a game with a minimum of eight (8) players. If a team is unable to field at least 8 players by the game's scheduled start time, then the game will be rescheduled by both head coaches agreement. If the game cannot be rescheduled, the game will be canceled.
- 3) **TIME LIMIT:** There is a 2-hour time limit. No new inning will begin after 1 hour 50 minutes.
- 4) **LENGTH OF GAMES:** All games shall consist of seven (7) innings (6 ½ if the home team is ahead) unless the game is shortened by the Head Umpire due to Mercy Rule, time limit or weather. All shortened games must consist of at least 5 innings (4 ½ if the home team is ahead) to be considered a complete game unless the time limit has expired, and the inning has been completed. Games tied after seven (7) innings will be considered complete and recorded as a tie.
- 5) **FIVE (5) RUN RULE:** There is a Five Run rule per inning. *Exception: See rule #7 Open Innings.*
- 6) **MERCY RULE:**
 - a) (15) runs after four (4) innings (3 ½) if Home team is ahead
 - b) (10) runs after five (5) innings (4 ½) if Home team is ahead
 - c) (8) runs after six (6) innings (5 ½) if Home team is ahead
- 7) **OPEN INNING:** It is not mandatory that games have an open inning, and an open inning will be called when there is ten (10) minutes remaining in the game. Open innings have no limit on runs scored.
- 8) **COACHES:** Each team is allowed, 1 head coach and 2 assistant coaches. Base coaches will consist of 2 adults or 1 adult and 1 player (the player must wear a safety helmet and may only coach 1st base).
- 9) **METAL CLEATS:** Metal cleats are allowed. *Exception: If a portable mound is used only molded rubber or turf shoes will be allowed.*
- 10) **BATTING ORDER:** Teams will use a "Continuous Batting Order" (CBO). All players must have at least one (1) at bat.

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- 11) **PITCHERS & CATCHERS:** If a pitcher completes four (4) full innings, they cannot move to the position of catcher. If a pitcher throws one pitch in the fourth inning, it will be counted as a full inning. If a catcher completes four (4) full innings, they cannot move to the position of pitcher. If a catcher catches one pitch in the fourth inning, it will count as a full inning. Pitchers removed from the game as a pitcher may NOT return to the mound as a pitcher later in the game. (Pitcher may play a different defensive position).

12) **PITCH COUNT AND REQUIRED REST DAYS**

Players age 15 Maximum 95 pitches:

1-30 Pitches = 0 Days Rest

45. Pitches = 1 Day Rest

60. Pitches = 2 Days Rest

61-75 Pitches = 3 Days Rest

76-95 Pitches = 4 Days Rest

Players age 14 and under Maximum 85 pitches:

1-20 Pitches = 0 days rest

21-35 Pitches = 1 days rest

36-50 Pitches = 2 days rest

51-65 Pitches = 3 days rest

66-85 Pitches = 4 days rest

- 13) **BALKS:** Each new pitcher shall be provided one (1) warning (all action shall be ruled “dead” when the warning is given) by the umpire. After the initial warning, all subsequent balks for that same pitcher shall be called in accordance with the rules.
- 14) **ON-DECK BATTER:** The next batter in the line-up is allowed to be outside the dugout in the designated “on-deck” area. The designated “on-deck” for both teams shall be an area adjacent to the team’s dugout.
- 15) **SCOREKEEPER, PITCH COUNTER, & FIELD MAINTENANCE:** The League shall be responsible for making sure the field is prepared before each game. (putting out bases, marking the field, light watering, etc.) At the conclusion of the game the home team shall pick up the bases, repair the pitching mound and the batters’ box. The League will water and drag the field. If the League scorekeeper is not available, the home team shall provide the official
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scorekeeper. At the conclusion of the game, the umpire will record the final score, have both coaches sign the card and turn the card into the Vice President or other Board member present. Both teams are responsible for picking up the trash in their respective dugouts.

- 16) BATS:** Only USA/USSSA and BB Core bats with a 5/3 drop, and a bat barrel diameter that does NOT exceed 2 5/8 inches may be used in this Division.