

**2019 Major Boys Rules**  
**Harlan/Hoagland/Monroeville/New Haven/Woodburn**

1. The home team must supply one new DSLL-1 (or equivalent) game ball.  
The visiting team will supply one good ball for backup.
2. Base lines are 70 feet, with the pitching rubber being 50 feet.
3. Teams must have a coach at first and third base; no players!
4. Games are six innings long. There is a 1 hour 45 minute time limit. For the purposes of time, the next inning begins at the time of the third out of the previous inning. No new inning will be started after the time limit, unless the game is tied. One inning will be played to break the tie.  
If the game is still tied after one extra inning, the game will be rescheduled and played from the point where the tied game stopped.  
A tied game may be played out if there isn't a game scheduled after it or it is the last game of the night.
5. A team must have a minimum of eight (8) players or the game will be declared a forfeit. If needed, teams may bring up players from the minor league. A ninth player may be added to the line up before the start of the second inning and will be added at bottom of batting order. Players brought up from Minor league may not be used as pitchers, but may fill any other position.
6. There is a 15 run rule after 4 innings, and a 10 run rule after 5 innings.
7. For pitching, (5) innings per game and (9) innings per week and (11) innings for tournaments.  
Pitching rules will stand regardless of make-up games. (week is defined as Monday-Sunday)
8. A coach may go to the mound. The pitcher must be replaced on the second trip to the mound in the same inning, and third time in the game. Once a pitcher has been pulled he may not return to the game as a pitcher.
9. One "balk" warning with free visit to mound by coach and or umpire, per player, per game until June 1st, then no warning. This visit will not count against the coach.
10. Each player is required to play two full innings of defense, and bat once when the game goes a full six innings. With the exception of the pitcher, there will be free substitutions when teams are on defense.
11. No metal cleats allowed.
12. Teams will bat a nine (9) man roster. The batting order does not change during the game. There will not be an out charged in the 9th position if a team has to play the game with 8 players. Coaches may choose to bat 10, but face an out in the lineup if player is ejected and no replacement available for the 10th batter position. Injury does not constitute an out in the 10th position.
13. There is a no slash rule. A batter cannot square to bunt, then pull back and swing.  
If this occurs, even if only an unsuccessful attempt, the play is ruled dead and the batter is out.

14. USA stamped big barrels bats are allowed. Barrel size and drop weight are not a factor.  
2 1/4 bats are still allowed. (2019 Amendment)  
  
\*\*\*All bats to be used in the game will be lined up along the fence at the beginning of the game for umpire inspection.  
\*\*\*Big barrel bats without the USA stamp will be grounds for coach and player ejection.
15. There is a must slide rule! A player must avoid contact when there is a play (it is the umpire's discretion as to if it's a play). Head first sliding is prohibited unless diving back to the base.
16. Base runners may steal any base at any time. Lead-offs are permitted in this league.
17. First and second place league and tournament trophies (or other awards) only, will be awarded.  
League standings are based on the following: team's overall record, head to head record, defensive runs allowed, offensive runs allowed.  
Coaches are responsible for reporting game scores to the division representative or "rep".  
The division rep will gather and maintain standings for tournament seeding. (2019 Revision)  
These standings are only against teams in that league.
18. Any rule not listed above and approved at the joint park meeting will follow IHSAA rules.
19. There is no "coaches' option" in regards to these rules!
20. Infield fly rule applies in this league.
21. Drop third strike rule applies. When there are 2 outs, batter may try to take first on drop third strike even if base is occupied.