

# Winter Saturday League Rules

1. Substitute players will be chosen with like numerical rating or higher. If necessary, substitute players may be no more than .1 lower than the player being substituted for. As an example, a player with a 2.8 rating will be substituted with another player at 2.8 or 2.9 as the first choice. If there are no available 2.8 or 2.9, then a 2.7 will be selected. If there are no substitutes available, the Commission can approve an exception but the first choice will be a 3.0 and then a 2.6.
2. There will be a 4 run limit per half inning, except the final inning which will be unlimited.
3. If one game is rained out, all games are considered rained out even if some of them have been played to conclusion. You can report the game but it will not count in the standings.
4. Batted balls hitting the screen with less than two strikes will be a strike. If two strikes, the pitch does not count. You cannot strikeout hitting the screen. Once the batter has two strikes, hitting the screen with a batted ball is not considered a foul ball for the "One Additional foul ball after two strikes" rule above.
5. Pitched balls hitting the screen will be called a ball.
6. Walk Rule - There will be one Intentional Walk allowed to any batter in any inning. It must be a true strategic move and not just to pitch around someone. Strategic can be subjective but things that will raise concerns are early innings, big leads etc. Walks are allowed in all innings.
  - If anyone, in any inning, is walked and it is obvious the pitcher was not giving the batter pitches to hit the batter will walk but the pitcher will be subject to un-sportsmanlike conduct discipline. Opposing Manager, Batter or Umpire can report it to the commissioner for review after the game. If you feel there is an issue or could be headed toward an issue make sure you inform the commissioner or alternate commissioner during the game so they can watch more closely if they are there. Board Members in attendance can also report occurrences. The commissioner will talk to Umpire, Batter, Pitcher and both Managers and make a ruling based on the information.
  - This is also subjective but things to look for:
    - Consistent pitches too high, low, inside, outside
    - Same batter walked more than once
    - 3 pitch walk (understand you can walk someone on 3 pitches while trying to throw a strike so this is not always a cause for a warning)
7. An outfielder cannot attempt to throw a batter out at first base. A relay is allowed to an infielder. If the outfielder attempts a throw to first they will be warned with the second offense resulting in a suspension and the runner shall automatically be awarded 2nd base. All other runners are forced to the next base.
8. There is an imaginary line from third base to first base – fielders, other than the pitcher and catcher, must stay behind that line until the ball is batted. One warning, second offense results in game ejection. Batter shall automatically be awarded 1st base. All other runners are forced to the next base.
9. Outfielders must remain on the grass until the ball is batted. One warning, second offense results in game ejection. Batter shall automatically be awarded 1st base. All other runners are forced to the next base.
10. Sub runners may only run once per inning and 3 times per game. If a potential sub runner touches a base, he or she may come off the base and another sub may run, if the pitcher has not yet made a pitch. If a sub runner is on base and is due to bat, he or she is out on the base and comes in to bat. If it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> out, that player leads off the next inning.
11. Saturday Only Rule: 1 up Rule. Any Home Run after the one home run will be a walk until the other team hits a homerun. Each base runner has to be forced to the next base. The batter is not required to touch first base nor are anyone already on base required to touch the next base.
12. Saturday will not use Infield Fly Rule – inform your teams to not take advantage of this.
13. If you are assigned to a Duty, the player is responsible for getting a replacement. If you, or your replacement does not show up it will be a one game suspension for the original person assigned (Players need to follow up to ensure their sub remembers and not just ask once and hope).