



Minor League Playoff Rules - Summer 2022/23

1 Regulation Game

- 1.1 In a QUALIFYING FINAL and GRAND FINAL game, 2nd Grade shall play 7 innings.
- 1.2 In a QUALIFYING FINAL and GRAND FINAL game, 3rd Grade shall play 7 innings OR 3 hours, whichever comes earlier. As per normal regulations, the ten minute rule will apply however play will continue until the inning that was started prior to the 2 hour fifty minute mark is complete. In other words, the "maximum twenty minute past scheduled game end time to finish an inning" rule shall not apply.
- 1.3 In all grades, in the event of a tied game, play shall continue for additional innings until a result is obtained.
- 1.4 If the game is called by the Plate Umpire due to bad weather/light or state of ground, it is a regulation game when the game has proceeded for 5 innings / 90 Minutes.
- 1.5 Where a game is called before it has become a regulation game or a regulation game is tied when called, and there is no option for a rescheduled game, the HOME team shall be the winner.

2 Scorer and Pitch Counting

- 2.1 All teams to provide a dedicated person to score and pitch count for all finals games.
- 2.2 If only one team provides a scorer and or pitch counter then that person will represent both teams and their word is final.



3 Pitching

- 3.1 All pitching restriction ie. number of pitches and/or innings apply as outlined in MWDBA Competition Rules.
 - 3.2 If neither team has provided a pitch counter then the pitcher for all grades can only pitch **the lesser of** the following;
 - 3.2.1 For a maximum of 4 innings or 12 designated outs; or
 - 3.2.2 As prescribed in MWDBA competition rules (clause 16.1*); or
 - 3.2.3 Any specific pitcher on innings restriction of any nature shall pitch a maximum of 3 innings.
- * for the avoidance of doubt, the 4 innings pitching restriction still applies.

4 5-Run Rule

- 4.1 The 5-Run Rule will **not** apply for finals

5 Mercy Rule

- 5.1 For a 7 inning game, it is a regulation game if a team is leading by 10 runs or more once at least five (5) completed innings are played by the trailing team

6 Safety

- 6.1 Normal duty of care rules apply as outlined in the MWDBA Competition Rules e.g. the no contact rule.



7 Plate Meeting

- 7.1 Umpires and Managers will meet at the Home Plate 5 minutes before the scheduled start time unless the previous game has delayed the start of the following game.
- 7.2 Team lists must include all players eligible to play. Players must be “qualified” to play by MWDBA Competition Rules.

8 Home Team

- 8.1 For all playoff games Home team will be awarded to the team with the highest ‘playoff ranking’. ie: playoff ranking is the team ranked higher on the competition ladder after final round and after penalties. Home team will take 3rd Base Dugout on A1 or 1st Base Dugout on A2, A3 and RP1.