



Minor League Playoff Rules – Winter 2023

1 Regulation Game

- 1.1 In a SEMI FINAL game, the duration will be as per regular season games (2 hours), however play will continue until the inning that was started prior to the 1 hour fifty minute mark is complete or, in case of a tied score, will play for one additional innings to obtain a result. In other words, the “maximum twenty minute past scheduled game end time to finish an inning” rule shall not apply.
- 1.2 In a QUALIFYING FINAL and GRAND FINAL game, 1st Grade shall play 9 innings and lower grades shall play 7 innings. In the case of 4th Grade, the game length will be 7 innings or 3 hours, whichever comes first, although once an inning has commenced it must be completed.
- 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 game has proceeded for 3 innings / 60 Minutes (SEMI-FINALS), or 5 innings / 90 Minutes (QUALIFYING FINALS or GRAND FINAL).
- 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.

4 5-Run Rule

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

5 Mercy Rule

- 5.1 For a 9 inning game, it is a regulation game if a team is leading by 10 runs or more once at least seven (7) completed innings are played by the trailing team.
- 5.2 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. Exception: Winner of 1 v 2 SEMI FINAL becomes Home Team for Grand Final. These are published on the web-site. Home team will take 3rd Base Dugout on A1 or 1st Base Dugout on A2, A3 and RP1.

