

Sask Twilite Baseball Rules(2021)

- 1. All games will be 6 innings in length unless shortened by rain delays-see below, or the 10 run mercy rule comes into effect-see below.**
- 2. If inclement weather disrupts the tournament causing delays the Tournament Committee will meet and decide if future games will be shortened to 4 or 5 innings to bring tournament back on schedule.**
- 3. If inclement weather makes the tournament impossible to play safely the Tournament Committee will meet and make a decision to cancel tournament or reduce innings in a game.**
- 4. If a team is down by more than 10 runs after 4 or more complete innings the game will be over.**
- 5. A team can score no more than 6 runs in an inning with the exception of the 6th inning of the game which is going to be the last at bat for them. There is no unlimited runs in an inning in a game that has been shortened.**
- 6. The last inning in a game can start no later than 1 hour and 45 minutes after the game has started. The umpire needs to announce this to the both teams before the inning begins “that this will be the last inning”.**
- 7. A pitcher can pitch no more than 9 outs per game, no exceptions.**
- 8. If the 6 runs per inning rule comes into effect the pitcher will be charged for 3 outs that inning. If a relief pitcher comes into the game in that same inning then he will be charged with the outs he threw for. If both pitchers don't get an out in this inning the first pitcher will be charged with the three outs not both pitchers.**
- 9. In both age groups a team must have a starting line-up that bats at least 11 players. If a team bats 10 players the 5th out in the line-up will be an automatic out. If a team bats 9 players both the 5th spot and the 11th spot in the line-up will be an automatic out. If a team bats 11 players and a player cannot bat, that spot is an out. If a team starts the game with 12 or more players then an injured player the cannot bat they can drop out of the line-up with no penalty (this player cannot bat or play in the field for the rest of the game as well)**
- 10. Players must be turning of age in the same year of the tournament to be old enough to play in the tournament.**
- 11. Players must be a resident of Saskatchewan to play in any tournament and they need to be able to provide both a Saskatchewan Drivers License and Saskatchewan Health card as proof. The exception to this rule is if the player has played 3 or more years in the**

tournament and has moved away. Proof of this may be asked for if players eligibility is questioned.

12. Teams may challenge the eligibility of a player whether for being underage or if the player lives out of province by putting in an official written challenge with the tournament committee. The Committee will rule on the players eligibility at that time if possible. It is important for all players to be able to provide the two items mentioned above in rule 11.

13. Twilite baseball is a wooden bat tournament there are no metal bats allowed.

14. Twilite baseball teams field nine players defensively as per SBA rules.

15. Up to three players may get a courtesy runner which will be the last out in the current inning unless there are no out then the last out in previous inning must run. Courtesy runners may not be catcher or current pitcher. Also courtesy runners can be assigned at any time during the game. The player must still bat and run to whichever base he reaches.

16. The catcher must have a courtesy runner for him when there are two outs in the inning so he can put his gear back on for the next inning. The only exception is in the last inning the catcher can choose if he wants to run for himself or get a runner.

17. All other rules on the field will follow SBA guidelines

18. Teams found to be using ineligible players or breaking the rules of Twilite or Sask Baseball will be subject to discipline decided by the Twilite Baseball Committee which could be in the form of Suspension of playing in the tournament as well as forfeiture of the teams bond.

19. Home team will be determined with a coin flip for all games except for the first game after the round robin. The team with the highest ranking will be designated as the home team for this game only.

A few unwritten rules for all teams, be ready to play at least 15 minutes before your game, find the scorekeeper early to hand in your line-up cards and hustle on and off the field. Please do not dig up the batter's boxes or pitcher's mounds!