



YMCA

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strong families, strong communities.

## Maquoketa Area Family YMCA Junior League Baseball Rules

1. All players must have identical uniforms. Players must wear a baseball hat when playing. No jewelry, watches, rings, earrings will be allowed.
2. All games are 6 innings except for tie games:
  - a) There will be a 10 run rule after 4 complete innings of play
  - b) There will be a 15 run rule after 3 complete innings of play
  - c) A time limit of 1.5 hours per game will be imposed. The team with the lead at that time will be awarded the win. (No new inning after 1.5 hours of play unless tie) Ties to be completed
  - d) No infield practice before game. No one allowed on diamond until game time
  - e) Complete game is 4 innings
3. Pitchers may pitch 3 innings in a game. One pitch thrown constitutes an inning.
4. All players on the bench must play 3 consecutive defensive outs in one inning, and bat at least once in the regulation game. Exception: Any player who shows up after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Inning has been completed is not required to play. A coach may bench a player because of disciplinary reasons. This must be reported to the umpire and the other coach.
5. All players must be in the dugout or on the bench unless playing, on deck, or coaching a base. All equipment must be stored inside the dugout or outside the fence.
6. An umpire may call a game if, in his/her opinion, darkness, rain, or other cause makes further playing impossible or unsafe. An umpire may consult coaches but during the game, final decision stays with the umpires.
7. Re-entry Rules:
  - a) A starting pitcher may return to the mound once during a game, if they still have innings available; but they must wait 3 outs before re-entry as a pitcher.
  - b) A relief pitcher may not return to the mound once removed during a game.
8. Home base is open.
9. All team catchers will be required to wear a protective cup and supporter while catching and also protective headgear. Coaches should encourage that all boys wear protective cups. Catchers must wear catcher's helmet when warming up pitcher.
10. All base runners will be required to wear helmets while on base. Players coaching bases will also be required to wear helmets.
11. There will be no leading off. Violators will be called out.
12. Rosters will be determined at the Coaches meeting prior to the season starting. After that meeting takes place, late roster additions will be added as late signups come in. Those players will be placed on teams until each teams roster has reached its maximum amount of players which is determined by YMCA Sports Director.

13. Curfew is 10:30 – No new inning will begin after curfew.

14. A player must either slide or avoid physical contact. Base runner will be called out for intentionally running into the defensive player.

15. All players are required to have a number on their shirt.

16. Home team – uses 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout and also provides the base umpire for your game.

17. NO BANTERING of batters is allowed.

18. Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike – batter is out.

19. Infield fly rule is in effect.

20. A team must bat their whole lineup.

21. Leaving Early –

- a) 1<sup>st</sup> time – send player back to base with warning
- b) 2<sup>nd</sup> time – runner is out

If ball is hit when a runner leaves early and ...

- The offensive team gains the advantage, the ball is dead.
- A home run (over the fence) is hit, home run counts and no infraction is called.
- The defensive team records an out, the play stands and the runner is sent back or called out as needed.

22. Special Rule:

- a) Waive automatic out for teams with 8 players
- b) Minimum of 7 players for game
- c) An automatic out will be given for teams playing with 7 players. This out will be one spot in the lineup and the automatic out will be given when that spot in the order comes up.

23. A team without 9 players may bring a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader from Pee Wee League to fill out their roster.

- a) This Pee Wee Leaguer can only play with parental permission
- b) No Pee Wee League player may EVER play ahead of a Junior Leaguer

24. Rainouts are to be rescheduled by coaches at the earliest opportunity.

Coaches must contact the **Maquoketa Area Family YMCA** with time of make-up games 48 hour in advance, **652-6566**.

25. Protests must be made within 24 hours of an incident. The YMCA Sports Director will decide on the proper course of action as outlines in the rulebook (6.19).

**26. Coaches must report the scores of their games to the Maquoketa Area Family YMCA so accurate standings may be kept.**

27. Teams are encouraged to patronize the league concession stands.

28. Vulgarity by a coach or player will result in an automatic ejection from that game, and followed by a one game suspension.

29. **Courtesy Runner – OPTIONAL**- When there are 2 outs and the catcher is a base runner, a courtesy runner may be used. Runner should be a player from the bench or if none, must be the last out. This is to allow the catcher to be ready for the next inning.