

Rule Adoption Regarding 2 Hour Time Limit for Major Boys and Girl's Softball

-There is now (as of 4/22/2010) a 2-hour time limit to be enforced on all major boy and girls softball games. The time limit will be observed regardless of whether or not the game being played was the 1st or 2nd game of the night. It will also be observed when there is only 1 game being played. Example: A Saturday make-up game that began at 10:00 will be considered at the time limit at 12:00.

The rule will break down as follows:

During the week the 1st game is scheduled @5:30. If field is ready for play prior to the designated start time and officials are in place the clock starts at 5:30, regardless if play has begun or not. This being said it is the responsibility of the managers to ensure that line-ups have been turned in and players are in position on the field or ready to take their at-bats. Example: If a team takes an extra 10 minutes to take the field and turn in line-ups, their game time has been cut to 1hr and 50mins. If a team is not ready to begin play 15 minutes after the designated start time, the opposing coach has the option to take the forfeit win.

For games that are slated to begin at 7:30, coaches must have players ready and line-ups turned in before said time regardless of where the previous game is at towards its completion. Example: 5:30 game started last inning prior to 2hr time limit and has actually gone 10 minutes past allotted time limit both teams for next game should be ready to take field with line-ups turned in. 10 minutes of warm-up will be allowed to help deter injuries but all should be ready to go by 7:30.

*note- if field is not ready or umpires are not in place at designated times, the actual game time should be recorded with the first pitch thrown.

*note- an inning shall not start past the 2hr time limit or past our 10 o'clock curfew. If an inning starts prior to time limit or curfew and runs past we will allow for its completion regardless of time used.

*note- and inning officially begins once the third out is recorded from the previous inning. Example: The third out is completed in the fourth inning at 1hr and 53 minutes. There are still 7 minutes of game time remaining and the fifth will be allowed to play. If both coaches agree to consider the game done with the 7 minutes remaining the game will be declared official and complete. There is some discretion left to the coaches in this instance but both must be in agreement. **THERE IS ABSOLUTLEY NO DISCRETION WHEN IT COMES TO STARTING AFTER THE TIME LIMIT OR CURFEW HAS BEEN REACHED!**