

METRO SPORTS BASEBALL
2010 & 2011 Rules Amendments
to
2009 Baseball Rules of Metro Sports Baseball, Inc.

No Artificial Noisemakers

Artificial noisemakers are not permitted and shall not be used during any Metro Tournament game. Artificial noisemakers include, but are not limited to, horns, megaphones, whistles, bells, or home-made noise-making devices. Penalties for violations: The umpire shall be responsible for enforcing Metro's ban on artificial noisemakers utilizing the following procedures:

1. The first time the umpire detects the significant use of artificial noisemakers by those in attendance (players, coaches, or fans), the umpire will call a timeout and issue a verbal warning to both head coaches, reminding them that artificial noisemakers are not permitted.

2. On the second or subsequent incident involving the significant use of artificial noisemakers, the player(s), coach(es), or fan(s) violating the rule will be ejected from the ballpark.

Coin Flip

The winner of a coin flip shall have the choice of HOME or AWAY for all pool play and cross-over seeding games. Higher seeded teams shall have the choice of HOME or AWAY for all elimination games, provided; however, if a lower seeded team wins a double elimination game against a higher seeded team AND those two teams play again later in the same tournament, the lower seeded team shall have the choice of HOME or AWAY for the second game.

3-Way Pool Play Tiebreaker

If there is a 3-way tie after pool play and the teams did not play all teams in the pool via a round robin, the seedings shall be determined as follows:

1. Result of head-to-head competition
2. Record versus common opponents
3. Fewest runs allowed versus common opponents
4. Coin flip

Cross-Over Seeding Games

All cross-over seeding games shall be played without time limits and, if the game is tied at the end of regulation, extra innings shall be played until a winner is established.

Pitching Rule 602

The word "game" has been removed. The revised rule is as follows: If any pitcher pitches three (3) full innings and then throws to another batter during the same day, he will not be eligible to pitch until he has had forty (40) hours rest, beginning with the time he leaves the pitching mound as a pitcher.

Bat Restriction

Effective November 2010, Metro Sports Baseball does not allow bats marked as "coach pitch" or "practice" to be used in any Metro Sports Baseball sanctioned tournament, provided; however, Metro Sports Baseball will allow such bats if they have passed the 1.15 BPF testing AND have the appropriate 1.15 BPF mark on the bat. PENALTY: If a batter begins an at bat and is thrown at least one pitch when it is determined that the batter is using a bat that violates this restriction, the batter shall be called OUT and the bat shall be taken out of play.

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