

MANHATTAN PARKS AND RECREATION
Wildcat League Rules Summary

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Except for the rules covered in these by-laws, Wildcat League Baseball will be governed by USSSA (United States Specialty Sports Association) Baseball rules.

Game Length

8U Machine Pitch:	6 innings or 1 hour 30 minutes
9/ 10 & Under Divisions:	6 innings or 1 hour 30 minutes
11 / 12 & Under Divisions:	6 innings or 1 hour 30 minutes
13/14 & Under Divisions:	7 innings or 1 hour and 45 minutes

Note: Time will start once the first warmup pitch has been thrown. Once the time limit has expired, no new innings will be started. Games can end in a tie. The final out of an inning marks the start of a new inning.

Run Limits (8/9/10 Division ONLY)

When the batting team has scored six runs during any at-bat, the at-bat will end. Any runs that may have scored beyond six will not be counted.

In games where the six-run limit is in effect, the game will end whenever the difference in score is such that the losing team is unable to at least tie the score (due to the six-run limit), or get within the run-rule (listed below).

Batting Order

Teams may choose to bat 9 or 10 players in their lineup with the option to bat a continuous lineup. Each coach must declare his intentions prior to the start of the game.

Batting/Baserunning

For the 8/9/10 divisions a dropped 3rd strike will remain as an out and the batter/runner may not advance to first base.

For all other divisions on a dropped third strike, the batter will be declared out if he makes a pronounced move towards his own dugout.

For the 9U division a runner at third base CANNOT score on a wild pitch, passed ball, or wild throw by the catcher to the pitcher. A runner at third CAN score on a play at first, second or third by any fielder including a back pick attempt by the catcher.

A thrown bat that is considered a danger to a player (by judgment of umpire) will first warrant a warning. If a bat is thrown again it will result in the batter being called out.

Balks

In age divisions 9U-12U one warning will be given to each pitcher. No warnings will be given for the 13/14U age divisions.

Run Rules

The Wildcat League will be governed by the following run rule in all age groups:

15 after 3, 8 after 4

8 & Under Machine Pitch Games

Please refer to the 8U Machine specific rules.

Pitching Limits

A pitcher may pitch the equivalent of one game per day. For the purpose of this rule, each out shall count as 1/3 of an inning.

9, 10 / 11 / 12 year olds - 6 innings per day 13 / 14 year olds - 7 innings per day

Base & Pitching Distance

- ◆ 8U Machine Pitch division, all games will be played with 60' bases.
- ◆ 9/10 year old division, all games will be played with 65' bases.
- ◆ 11/12 year old division, 70' bases, the 13/14 year old division, 80' bases.
- ◆ Pitching distances:
 - 9/10U teams will be 46'.
 - 11/12 will be 50'. Pitching distance for 13/14 will be 54'
- ◆ When a younger division plays an older division, teams will use the older division base and pitching distances.
- ◆ **No metal cleats on portable mounds (13/14U) or artificial turf.**

Home & Visitor

A coin flip will determine home and visitor for all games. During doubleheaders teams will alternate H/V for the first game and second games. Teams will stay in the same dugouts for both games.

Protests

There will be no protests allowed in Wildcat League baseball.

Ejections

Any coach, player or spectator that is ejected or removed from a Wildcat League contest must leave the premises immediately (sight & sound). Any person being ejected or removed from a contest will be suspended for the remainder of that evening, plus the next two scheduled games.

All teams/coaches are subject to a sportsmanship evaluation performed by the site supervisor following each game and may be disciplined by MPRD Staff accordingly.