

Houston Metro Scout League Rules

1. **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP WILL BE EXERCISED AT ALL TIMES BY PLAYERS, COACHES AND FANS.**
2. **Most GAMES WILL BE ONE 12 INNING GAME OR 2 SIX INNING GAMES. (COACHES CHOICE) Please adhere to the time limit assigned on the schedule. Time limits will vary depending on locations. Some locations will allow for a full 7 inning game to be played.***Again refer to schedule!**
3. **All Games will be played as a live game situation unless both coaches agree otherwise. Please notify myself and umpire of change. There will be a 3 run limit per inning and a 20 pitch count limit for pitchers per inning. Coaches, please try to refrain from making pitching changes during the inning. Please help us get all our games in on time so the last game on Sunday doesn't run too late. Your help with this would be appreciated.**
4. **BAT RULE: BBCOR OR WOOD BATS ONLY.**
5. **DH AND EH ARE ALLOWED.**
6. **FREE SUBSTITUTION. PLEASE KEEP YOUR BATTING ORDER RIGHT.**
7. **EACH TEAM WILL CONTRIBUTE TWO BALLS TO START EACH GAME. TEAMS WILL CONTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL BALLS AS NEEDED BY THE UMPIRE.**
8. **TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR RETRIEVING FOUL BALLS ON THEIR SIDE.**
9. **RUNNERS CAN BE USED FOR THE PITCHER AND CATCHER.**
10. **SLIDE RULE: RUNNERS MUST GO DOWN (SLIDE DIRECTLY TO BASE), OR GIVE UP ANY BASE (INCLUDING HOME PLATE), ON A DOUBLE PLAY OR ATTEMPTED TAG WHEN THE FIELDER HAS THE BALL IN POSSESSION. IF THE PLAYER LOWERS HIS SHOULDER (IN THE UMPIRE'S JUDGEMENT) GOING INTO A FIELDER, THE PLAYER WILL BE CALLED "OUT" AND EJECTED FROM THE GAME.**
11. **90 SECONDS AND FIVE WARMUP PITCHES BETWEEN INNINGS. PLEASE KEEP THE GAME MOVING AT A REASONABLE PACE.**
12. **HOME TEAM IS ASSIGNED BY SCHEDULE**
13. **THE HEAD COACH ALWAYS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS TEAM'S CONDUCT, OBSERVANCE OF THE OFFICIAL RULES AND DEFERENCE TO THE UMPIRE. ASSISTANT COACHES MAY NOT LEAVE THE DUGOUT, COACH'S BOX OR BULLPEN AREA TO APPEAL A PLAY. IF THERE IS AN ISSUE, THE HEAD COACH SHOULD BE THE ONLY COACH THAT TALKS TO AN UMPIRE.**
14. **LAMAR UNIVERSITY AND SPRING SPIRIT ARE TURF FIELDS. SUNFLOWER SEEDS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THIS PROPERTY. YOU ARE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL FROM THE PROPERTY IF YOU BRING SUNFLOWER SEEDS. PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR TEAMS AND PARENTS ABOUT THIS RULE.**
15. **BRING WATER AND CUPS FOR YOUR TEAM.**
16. **CLEAN DUGOUTS AFTER YOUR GAMES.**
17. **CONTACT: League Director: Jason Krug 281-865-1622
My number is only to be given to coaches please**