# North League Rules 2021

## 5th/6th Grade

 No player may be registered with or play for more than one recreation team.

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| Game Time |
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| * Game will be 55 minutes; i.e batter will finish their at bat at 55 minutes.
* Game clock will start right at game time or after the previous game is over and players have cleared the dugout. Be prepared to hustle.
* No Forfeits, organize games with players that are present.
* There will be NO postponing or rescheduling of games.
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| Defense |
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* All Players **must** play 2 innings on defense.
* Catchers are required to wear full protective equipment
* No infield fly will be called.

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| Batting/Offense |
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| * Each team **must bat all players**. Helmets must be worn at all times when batting or running.
* No stealing or leading off. Runner may only advance on a hit.
* On a batted ball a runner may advance as far as possible until the series of play associated with the hit ends. When the base runners progress is stopped and the ball is returned to the pitcher on the mound, the series of play is ended. If the runner is on third base, he must stay on third until the next series of play starts.
* No advancing to next base on a balk.
* Catcher interference infraction the batter is awarded a ball. Base runners will not advance.
* On third strike or called third strike, which is dropped by the catcher, the batter is out. No throw to first is necessary.
* We will enforce an avoid contact or must slide rule at all bases. Malicious contact-runner will be ejected. It is the discretion of the umpire if the runner is trying to avoid contact.
* Maximum of 6 runs per inning or 3 outs whichever comes first. Until play finishes.
* A batter may choose to hit off the tee or take a walk.
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| Pitching |

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| * 5th-6th Softball – 40 feet
* 5th-6th Baseball – 46 feet
* Baseball Only: A player may only pitch in 3 innings per game. A total of 6 innings in one calendar week. (Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched in an inning.)
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| Base Distance |

* 5th-6th Softball – 60 feet
* 5th-6th Baseball – 70 feet

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| **Playing Time** |
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| * **All** players must play in at least 2 innings on Defense
* **All** players will bat on Offense.
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| Uniform |

* No Metal Cleats are allowed
* Baseball: Long pants should be worn
* Softball: shorts can be worn with slider shorts underneath.

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| Sportsmanship |

* We encourage all spectators and participants not to question or argue with the decisions of the umpire. An important part of this program will be to teach good sportsmanship and learn to accept all decisions rendered.
* No Profane or Abusive Language is allowed!!!!! Or the player will be ejected.