

# Baseball

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

The competition is to be conducted under the official rules of Australian Association and the following rules and regulations will apply.

The SIS Code of Conduct essential points must be clearly read out by the umpire to both teams and signed by the umpire & coaches before the game commences.

### Team Requirements

1. A maximum of 9 players are permitted to take the field.
2. Substitutes may be made at the end of each innings after notifying the umpire but a player once removed from the game cannot return later except as a coach.

### Match Requirements

1. Matches are to commence at 1.00pm, or as otherwise agreed by both schools.
2. A competition leather grade ball (new).
3. The pitching distance is 16.46m to home plate.
4. The distance between bases is 24.38m.
5. The passed ball line is 12.2m.
6. The batting Box is 1.8m x 1.2m.
7. The host school will book and provide umpires in accordance with SIS requirements.  
An Independent Umpire or a host school trained staff member that is not the coach



### Sport Specific Conditions

1. *Time* or seven innings will be considered end of the match.
2. *Time* must be decided before the match starts and a score taken back to even innings, if the batting team is not out when time is reached.
3. 7 run rule – innings over when 3 outs or 7 runs scored.
4. Fielders to interchange after each innings.
5. The infield FLY rule is played.
6. Positional changes on the field may be made at any time.
7. There is no rule concerning base runners that go over half way must advance.
8. Batter on two strikes, bunts foul is out.
9. Any passed ball include pitch, base runner advances one base. This applies to infield and outfield errors.
10. Helmets to be worn.
11. Batter to wear a box.
12. Catcher must wear a helmet/facemask, chest & throat protector, box and leg guards.
13. The **Mercy Rule** margin is 10 runs. The rule will apply if a team is leading by 10 runs or more at any stage during the game. The winning team must not have double plays & must change pitcher & refrain from sneaking bases to enable the losing team to gain runs.
14. Any player sent off for misconduct may not be replaced.
15. For a result to be declared the match must have completed a minimum of 1 innings. If a game is abandoned during the course of play and a result has not been reached, then the match will be declared a draw.