

South Jersey Middle School Baseball League Regulations- 2016

Rich D'Alessandro, Commissioner

1. Regular season shall consists of 11 games.
2. The regular season will end on May 6, 2016. All 11 games should be played by this date. Any rainouts should be made up on 4/29, 5/2, 5/3, 5/5, and 5/6 in that order. Please do not reschedule beyond 5/6 without commissioners directive.
3. Playoff Dates are tentatively May 10, May 12, and May 17.
4. *The Four Divisions of the SJMSBL:*

<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>West</u>
Carusi	Glen Landing	DeMasi	Beck
Cinnaminson	Lewis	Indian Mills	Harrington
Pennsauken	Mullen	Marlton	Rosa
Moorestown	Collingswood	Medford	Voorhees

5. The playoffs will consist of 8 teams. The winners of each of the four divisions will be seeded in places 1-4 based on winning percentages. Four "wild card" teams will be seeded 5-8 based on the next four best winning percentages after the division winners. Higher seed is home team.
6. Tiebreakers will be used when winning percentages are the same.
7. Tiebreakers are:
 - a. head to head (ties among two teams)
 - b. best winning percentage in common games (ties among two teams who did not play or ties among more two than teams)
 - c. best winning percentage versus division winners
 - d. best winning percentage versus other playoff teams
 - e. fewest runs allowed
 - f. coin toss

8. Rotating Schedule: (Team/Opponents)

<u>(2018)</u>	<u>(2016)</u>	<u>(2017)</u>
North- West & East	North- South & West	North- South & East
South- East & West	South- North & East	South- North & West
East- South & North	East- West & South	East- West & North
West- South & North	West- East & North	West- East & South

9. Bat Regulations

- a.) -5 bats (no composite barrels unless BBCOR)
- b.) any legal high school bat is approved for SJMSBL play
- c.) any BBCOR bat is legal

10. Other Equipment Regulations:

- a.) "A10" series balls (home team provides 2 new and 1 lightly used) approved by the NFHS
- b.) 1 piece catcher's mask (hockey goalie style)
- d.) crack free, padded helmets with NCOSAE sticker
- e.) adult base coaches are NOT required to wear helmets
- f.) player base coaches are required to wear a helmet

11. South Jersey Middle School Baseball Website:

<http://rdalessandro.cherryhill.site.eboard.com/>

Find standings, schedules, results, news, etc. at anytime on the web.

12. Score Reporting: Both coaches should email Rich D'Alessandro at rdalessandro@chclc.org or call 856-667-1220 x 3582 with game score. Put the score in the subject line of your email. Standings are updated at 7:30 am each morning so please report previous day's score by that time. Also, please email reschedule dates for rainouts.

13. League games take precedent over any non-league games that schools have scheduled.

14. DH and EH are acceptable for all league games. Both teams do not have to use them in the same game. Use of EH means that the team will bat 10 the entire game. The EH may play the field at any time. The EH is a position that can be subbed like any other. If the team has an injury or the like and has only 9 players, an "out" will be recorded each time the

vacant spot comes to bat. The DH and the player not batting can be subbed for using normal substitution rules. If DH enters the field, he owns the spot and the person being DH for is out of the game (DH ability is lost). If the person being DH for bats, the DH is eliminated and that former DH is out of the game.

15. There will be no formal protest to the commissioner/league. All decisions will be determined on the field by the umpires. Coaches may submit rules discrepancies or concerns to league for discussion at the annual meeting with a goal of clarification for the future.
16. Teams having home field conflicts should switch games to away rather than reschedule on playable days.
17. One balk warning per team per game.
18. A courtesy runner *may* be used for the pitcher and catcher at any time. A player not currently “in the game” must be used as a courtesy runner. A player may run for only one player per inning. If the team bats around, the same runner may run for the same pitcher/catcher again if still not in the game.
19. The commissioner or his designee has complete authority to make decisions deemed to be in the “best interest of the league” in regards to any matters not specifically covered in these rules.
20. Do not move games that are scheduled by the league unless weather or other unforeseen circumstances arise. This includes moving games to play at high school facilities.
21. Run Limits for Shortening Games:
 - 20 runs after 3 innings (or 2 ½ if home team is winning)
 - 15 runs after 4 innings (or 3 ½ if home team is winning)
 - 10 runs after 5 innings (or 4 ½ if home team is winning)
22. Weather shortened games are official after 4 innings (or 3 ½ if home team is winning).