

## **RULES OF THE TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE**

1. All players must be registered on the MBA website before the first game in which they participate. All playoff rosters must be set before the start of playoffs.
2. The Tomahawk East baseball league shall play in the "C" class as classified in the rule book of the MBA. (Minnesota Baseball Association, Inc.) Teams in the league may remain part of the league if they change classes.
3. No rule of the Tomahawk East league shall forego any rules set forth by the MBA.
4. All league games shall begin per the official schedule as adopted, unless mutually agreed upon by both teams. Visiting team to have access for batting practice 60 minutes prior to game time. Infield will begin no later than 25 minutes prior to game time. Each team has a maximum of 10 minutes with the home team taking infield first. The home manager shall decide all ground rules. In case of wet grounds, the home manager shall decide when the game is to begin. Once the game begins the umpires shall have complete charge of the game.
5. PROTEST: No team to protest a game on umpires' decision except for a wrong interpretation of the rules. Any team wishing to protest a game must immediately state they are "playing the game under protest from this point" and contact the President of the league within 24 hours after the game in question has been played if they want to follow through with the protest. A written protest must be accompanied by a \$200.00 check at the protest meeting. Team losing the protest must pay the \$200.00 protest fee and meeting costs, if any is determined by the league officers. The protest fee must be paid before the next scheduled league/playoff game or the team shall forfeit that game as well. No penalty applied if on an umpire's interpretation of the rules.
6. Each team shall have a scorekeeper, home team is the official scorekeeper. Upon completion of each game, teams must notify the league secretary of final score and innings played (if not nine). Teams are also strongly encouraged to share scores and stats with appropriate local media and via social media accounts.
7. The home team shall pay umpire(s) which have been agreed upon by the league.
8. All rainout or postponed games are encouraged to be rescheduled as soon as possible to avoid bunching of games at the end of the season. In case of wet grounds home team to propose re-schedule date and time, visiting team must accept the second proposal if the first is not agreeable. If the home or visiting team does not play a re-scheduled game, it shall forfeit the game. On postponed or rainout games the home team manager shall contact the league secretary as soon as possible to notify of new date and time. If a game is rained out/interrupted before it becomes official (4.5 or 5 innings) it will resume from point of interruption.
9. If a game is tied after nine innings, it will continue without any adjustments until a winner is determined.
10. Manager making a second trip to the mound per inning must replace the pitcher.
11. Teams will wait 1 hour before game is called due to wet grounds.
12. Courtesy runner can be used for the catcher after two outs, this is not mandatory.
13. A team must forfeit all games in which an in-eligible player has participated.
14. All scheduled league games must be played as per the adopted schedule unless prior agreement between the teams. Failure to play games as scheduled will result in that game being forfeited. Team to pay \$50 if it forfeits. If a team forfeits three or more games in a season, they shall be removed from the league at the end of the regular season and must re-apply to the league for the following season.
15. The Tomahawk East league shall refer to the Official Baseball Rules (OBR) on any situations not covered by the MBA.