

FLINT METRO LEAGUE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL
BY-LAWS

Effective July 1, 2019

1. The Flint Metro League baseball and softball teams should play a single round of double headers on Mondays and Thursdays, and finish before the state tournament pre-district play begins.

2. In case the first game of a varsity League game double header is completed, but the second game is stopped and not a complete game, it should be completed on another day from the start of suspension, and not started again from the first inning. If game is rained out, the next date is automatically the make up date at the original home site. If on the next date the home varsity site is unplayable but the away site is playable, the original away site will be used for the varsity game(s), keeping the original home team in all other respects. (i.e. batting last, paying for umpires, etc.)

3. If a game is called and one team is ahead after five (5) innings of play, the game is complete.

4. Scorebooks should be carefully compared at the end of each game before leaving the field. The home book is official.

5. Softball and baseball are to play the 10-run mercy rule after 5 innings of play and 15-run mercy rule after 3 innings of play.

6. There will be no time limit for freshman and junior varsity ball games. 7 innings will be played in the first game and 5 innings in the second game. The International Tiebreaker Rule will be used for all sub-varsity games. (For one inning, the last official batter of the previous inning goes to second base and the inning and game continues.)

7. Any postponed games affecting championships must be played.

8. Base line coaches must be in uniform. (baseball only)

9. Junior varsity baseball and softball are the same schedule as varsity at the opposite site as varsity games. Freshman teams play at the same site as junior varsity teams one day later.

10. Baseball and Softball: The home team is to be the home team for both games of a double header.

11. Pre-game Warm-Up Schedule

Home team batting practice: 20 minutes - 1 hour and 5 minutes before game time.

Visiting team batting practice: 20 minutes - 45 minutes before game time.

Home team infield practice: 10 minutes - 25 minutes before game time.

Visiting team infield practice: 10 minutes - 15 minutes before game time.

Ground rules with umpires: 5 minutes before game time.

12. All Flint Metro League selections for baseball and softball will be as follows:

A. The athletic director in charge will arrange a meeting of all head coaches to select All-Metro First and Second Teams.

B. The statistics that are needed that should be kept for All League nominees are:
(From only League games)

Regular

Official at bats

Runs scored

Hits

Batting average

Runs batted in

Home runs

Three base hits

Two base hits

Stolen bases

Errors

Attempts

Pitcher Statistics

Games won

Games lost

Strike outs

Walks

Hits given up

Innings pitched

Earned runs

Earned run average

(Figured on 7 innings)

Catcher Statistics

Runners Thrown Out

Steals Against

C. Only League game statistics will be used to determine all-League players. Baseball Coaches will submit stats using the MHSBCA All-District Stat form.

D. Players considered for All League selections must have played in that position at least Ten (10) League games. (One less than half the League games.) Baseball Only- The minimum game appearance requirement for All-League Pitcher will be 6 games.

E. The positions are:

<u>First Team</u>	<u>Second Team</u>	<u>Third Team</u>
3- Pitchers	2- Pitchers	1- Pitcher
4- Infielders	3- Infielders	3- Infielders
2- First Baseman	1- First Baseman	1- First Baseman
2- Catchers	1- Catcher	1- Catcher
4- Outfielders	3- Outfielders	3- Outfielders
2- At-Large Player		
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17 Players	10 Players	9 Players

First team selections receive gold medals, second team selections receive silver medals, and third team selections receive bronze medals. (17 gold medals, 10 silver medals, 9 Bronze)

F. Voting Procedures for All-League

1. All First Team nominees receive 3 points; all Second Team nominees receive 2 point and Third Team nominees receive 1 point.

Examples: Pitcher = 3-3-3, 2-2, 1

Outfielders = 3-3-3-3, 2-2-2, 1-1-1

2. All League Honorable Mention - Players must receive at least one vote to be recognized as Honorable Mention All-League.

G. The Athletic Director in charge of the meeting will get all information and final standings to the news media.