**MCGSL Major League Local Rules**

1. As noted in the General League Rules, the Major League will abide by USA rules unless the following local rules supersede it.
2. Games will be 7 innings or 1 hour and 15 minutes (75 minutes) long. Each one half inning shall consist of no more than 7 runs or 3 outs. Umpires will start and keep the timer. Game clock begins with first pitch.
	1. Up to an additional 4 runs can score, for a total of 10 possible runs if a batted ball can score (up to) 4 runners on the same hit, bringing home runners from 1st, 2nd, 3rd and the batter runner.
3. In case of rain, darkness, or any other act of God, the game is called official if 5 complete innings have been played or 1 hour has elapsed. If either condition has been met, the game will be considered official, and it will not be rescheduled.
	1. If the game is called before being official by the previous rule, the game will be rescheduled. At the time the rescheduled game is played, it will be picked up at the same score, inning, batter and time left on the timer. Game details will be recorded by the field supervisor.
	2. Reschedule dates will be determined by the MCGSL board and are not subject for negotiation. Players who cannot return for a makeup game may be substituted with another player.
4. Stealing will be allowed in the Major League per USA rules.
5. Sliding is MANDATORY TO AVOID A COLLISION IF A PLAY IS BEING MADE. In addition, if the batter does not move out of the batter’s box, the runner stealing home can be called out due to obstruction. Any call regarding sliding is at the umpire’s discretion and cannot be argued.
6. Dropped 3rd strike rule applies in Major League play. A ball is considered a dropped third strike when the catcher fails to catch the third strike before the ball touches the ground. This rule states that the batter may run to first base if:
	1. There are fewer than 2 outs and first base is not occupied at the time of the pitch, or
	2. Any time that there are two outs.
7. Infield fly rule applies. A ball is considered an infield fly when a fair fly ball (not a bunt or line drive) can be caught with normal effort by a catcher, pitcher or infielder. This applies only if the following conditions are in place:
	1. There are less than 2 outs.
	2. There are either:
		1. Runners on first & second, or
		2. The bases are loaded.
8. Bunting is allowed.
9. The pitching rubber will be 43 feet from the back of home plate for Major League. Pitching guidelines/rules are per USA rulebook. Pitchers must begin with their pivot foot on the pitcher’s mound and their non-pivot foot in contact with or behind the pitcher’s mound. A backward step may be taken before forward motion. Five (5) warmup pitches will be allowed for each pitcher between innings.
10. If a game is tied at the end of an official game, the international tie-breaker rule will go into effect for one additional inning. Both the Home and Visiting team will place their last legal batter from the previous inning on second base with 0 outs to start their respective half inning. The inning is then played as normal. In the event the game is still tied after 1 inning of the international tie-breaker, the game is recorded as a tie. Any regular season game that is called for the purpose of weather during the international tie-breaker inning will be called complete and the tied score from the end of the regulation time will be recorded as the official score. For any tournament game, continuous international tie-breaker innings will be played until a winner can be declared.
11. There will be 1 mound visit allowed per inning. If a second trip to the mound is taken in the same inning, a new pitcher must be put in. Coaches will be allowed a total of 3 mound visits per game.
12. During the final ten minutes of the game, the following conditions will stop the game clock until game is resumed:
	1. Mound visits.
	2. Injuries.