

SECTION SIX

PAL LEAGUE

1. The PAL League is an extension of the local League which accommodates participants from age five to twenty years with physical and mental disabilities. Any exception to the age limit will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

2. The "PAL" system involves volunteers who assist selected players both on and off the field.

2.1 PAL volunteer players may not make outs.

2.2 PAL volunteer players will assist team members in relaying the ball, showing them where to go and encouraging participation.

2.3 Managers, coaches, and/or PAL volunteer players are permitted on the field to assist players when needed.

2.4 Managers, coaches, and/or PAL volunteer players may assist certain batters.

3. All PAL games will be played three innings, but not to exceed one hour total game time. All players will bat in each of the innings.

4. Offense:

4.1 All batters must bat each inning.

4.2 If one team has more players than the other, the lesser team may bat the same amount of batters.

4.3 Four offensive coaches are allowed: batter coach, first base and third base coaches (who must stay in coaches boxes); and second base coach (who must be positioned on the outfield grass behind second base before the ball is hit).

4.4 Outs are outs, however, all players must bat each inning. An inning is complete after the last player has batted and a defensive player has touched home plate with the ball in his possession. Otherwise, any runner on base may advance until a defensive play is made.

4.5 Consideration will be given to base entitlement or pinch runners for special players when a ball is hit in fair territory and the batter's disability would not permit him/her to reach a base safely under normal conditions of play.

5. Defense:

5.1 Two defensive coaches are allowed on the field. One positioned between first and second bases and one positioned between second and third bases. Both coaches must be positioned on the outfield grass.

5.2 No defensive player, except the pitcher, is allowed beyond the pitcher's mound. Only regular infielders are allowed on the infield, with exception of the player on the pitcher's mound. All other players must be on the outfield grass.

5.3 PAL volunteer players may be positioned beside each individual player to assist and will help relay the ball to the closest player.

6. Fielding:

6.1 All ball thrown past the foul line is a dead ball.

6.2 A ball hit fair, but rolls past the foul line after crossing the base, is a live ball.

7. Prior to the first game of the season, coaches are allowed up to two practices per week. After the first game of the season, coaches will be allowed only one practice per week.

8. No score will be kept.