

2023 Colt Division Rules

The Senior Thurman Munson League will follow Ohio High School rules as outlined by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) with some exceptions...

- 1) Rosters containing player's full name, jersey number and contact information (home address, phone number, and email) must be submitted to the league prior to the first game. All roster additions during the season must be approved by the Senior Thurman Munson Director prior to the specific player(s) being eligible to play in a game. Teams may call up registered recreation players only (NO TRAVEL PLAYERS) from their younger teams when necessary. Team Manager or City Commissioner must notify the Senior Thurman Munson League Director via email with the name and contact info for any player called up prior to the game.
- 2) Lineup cards with the last name and jersey number must be exchanged between managers and/or official team scorekeepers prior to each game played for clear scorekeeping and league record purposes. All players must be in the hitting lineup (continuous batting order) and listed on the lineup card that managers/scorekeepers exchange prior to the start of each game.
- 3) Upon completion of each game, the coach from the WINNING team must text or email the Senior Thurman Munson League Director with the date, both team names, and score of the game within 24 hours of completion or sooner. Example... "5/20/23: Westlake Acme Anvils 6, Avon Lake Gold 3." Points for official standings will be awarded as follows: Win=2 points, Completed Game=1 point, Tie=1 point, Loss=0 points. League standing positioning is determined by #1-Total Points, #2-Head-To-Head, #3-Most Runs Scored, #4-Least Runs Allowed
- 4) Home team is responsible for notifying the assigned umpires or Avon Lake Umpire Association Head Umpire (Bob Decker), the manager of the opposing team and the Senior Munson League Director when a game is being cancelled for inclement weather or any other valid reason. Please allow a sufficient amount of time prior to the start time of the game, since teams are traveling from various cities and many of those are players driving themselves to games.
- 5) Make-up game protocol is as follows: 1) Both team managers agree to a common make-up

date and time by securing a field with the League Director of their city. 2) Home team coach emails Avon Lake Umpire Association Head Umpire (Bob Decker) for umpire reassignment - and copies (CC) Senior Munson League Director for tracking purposes.

6) All bats must be legally certified BBCOR stamped bats or wooden bats. Managers are responsible to check all equipment for safety and legal purposes prior to the start of each game.

7) Metal cleats, plastic cleats, molded cleats or turf shoes can be worn.

8) Each team is responsible for supplying one NEW baseball for each game. Baseballs must be High School Certified. Both teams must supply used baseballs that are in "good" condition as extras throughout the game when needed.

9) There is a 2-hour time limit for ALL league games. There will be NO time limit for ALL playoff rounds and the championship game.

10) Mercy rule is 10 runs after 5 innings (4 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead).

11) Teams must begin AND finish the game with 8 players.

12) Teams must use a continuous batting order. There is no "automatic out" penalty for a player who leaves during the game unless such player is ejected by the umpire. Teams are free to make substitutions in the field at any time but cannot change the batting order. ALL players must play a minimum of 3 defensive outs.

13) Once a pitcher is removed from the game, that pitcher CANNOT return to pitch in the game.

14) There will be a 15-minute grace period (delay) to start a game for a team that has under 8 players and the manager knows that a player is a late arrival and is in transit to the game.

15) There is a mandatory 30-minute delay for lightning and/or thunder. Any new lightning or thunder constitutes another 30-minute delay.

16) There is no "slide or give up" rule; however, all slides must be legal slides per OHSAA rules (no cleats up in the air above the knee) and no malicious contact will be allowed.

17) Catchers must use a one-piece catcher's mask. NO skull caps allowed.

18) SPEED UP RULE - A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher. Courtesy runner must be the LAST BATTED OUT.

19) PITCH COUNT TRACKING - Each team is responsible to monitor their teams pitchers and pitch counts each game in the official score book or any online program that may be used to score games and follow all guidelines as outlined by the OHSAA. Managers must be able to produce and verify pitchers' names and number of pitches thrown each game upon request by the Senior Munson League Director should a dispute occur. Any dispute by an opposing team must be submitted in writing via email to the Senior Munson League director, who will investigate and communicate findings to both coaches accordingly.