

2010 HAA SCHEDULE NOTES

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For fields 3, 4, 6, 7, & 9 Minor, Southern and Rookie League

Practice

1. Practice schedules are included with the game schedules up to and including the end-of-the-season tournament bracket play.
2. Weeknight practices for Regular Season Teams and Tournament Teams may be cancelled if time is needed for rescheduled Regular Season games postponed by weather or other factors.
3. Practice schedules for June and July will be distributed after Metro Sports Baseball chooses venues for the Metro Tournaments.

Regular Season Games

1. The last team listed on each game pairing is the home team.
2. Regular season games may end with the score tied even if time has expired. Extra innings should not be played, even if there is time remaining.
3. The rule is waived that stipulates a manager may decline to play a game rescheduled within two days after the original date. Weeknight games postponed because of weather or other factors will be rescheduled for the next available night of the same week. If a weeknight is not available, the postponed games will be rescheduled for Saturday of the same week, likely resulting in the teams playing twice on Saturday. If a weeknight game cannot be rescheduled during the same week or Saturday of the same week, the game may be cancelled. Saturday games postponed because of weather or other factors may be cancelled. It is possible that some teams will play more games than others in the Regular Season.

Regular Season End-of-the-Season Tournaments

1. The game clock will be used for all pool play and tournament games except the championship games.
2. The highest seeded team in each game, pool play and elimination play, has the choice of playing as the home or visiting team. If the teams are seeded the same, a coin toss determines which team has the choice of playing as the home or visiting team.
3. All pool play games must be played, but need not be played in the order scheduled. Pool play games postponed because of weather or other factors will be rescheduled for the next available night of the same week. If a weeknight is not available, the postponed games will be rescheduled for Saturday of the same week, possibly resulting in the teams playing twice on Saturday.
4. Pool play games may end with the score tied if time has expired. Extra innings should not be played, even if there is time remaining. Elimination games must be played until there is a winner, even if time has expired.
5. All end-of-the-season tournament games will be played. Each round must be completed before the next round begins.

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6. Seeding for the end-of-the-season single-elimination tournaments will be determined by pool play results only. Ties for seeding positions will be broken by the following:
 - a. The results of head-to-head competition in pool play.
 - b. If necessary, the average number of runs allowed in all pool play games.
 - c. If necessary, random draw.
7. Pitching rules and mercy rules will apply in all pool play and tournament games.

Field 9 Rookie League

Each **Rookie League Tee Ball** Team is scheduled for 7 regular season games. Games will be played on field 8. Rookie League teams will not have post-season play. Rained out Rookie League games will most likely not be made up.

Fields 6 and 7 Southern League

Each **Southern League** Team is scheduled for 13 or 14 regular season games. Each team is also scheduled for 4 pool play games and at least 1, but not more than 4, single-elimination tournament games. For end-of-the-season pool play, Pool A is regular season 1 (A1), 3 (A2), 5 (A3), 7 (A4), and 9 (A5). Pool B is regular season 2 (B1), 4 (B2), 6 (B3), 8 (B4), and 10 (B5). Ties for positions in the regular season standings will be broken by random draw.

RULES NOTE #1: HAA Rules Article IV, Section 14, Item A, Number ii, is amended for the 2010 Season to allow a Southern League Team to play with a minimum of nine (9) players in the batting order. Any number less than nine (9) will result in one or more automatic outs when the unfilled spot(s) is (are) due to bat.

RULES NOTE #2: HAA Rules Article IV, Section 14, Item B, Number ii, is amended for the 2010 Season to allow a Southern League Team to pickup substitutes as follows:

For an 8-year-old, any 8-year-old chosen in the third round of the draft or later; or any 7-year-old; or any Tee-Ball player.

For a 6 or 7-year-old, any 7-year-old chosen in the third round of the draft or later; or any Tee-Ball player.

Fields 3 and 4 Minor League

Each **Minor League** Team is scheduled for 13 or 14 regular season games. Each team is also scheduled for 3 or 4 pool play games and at least 1, but not more than 4, tournament games. For end-of-the-season pool play, Pool A is regular season 1 (A1), 3 (A2), 5 (A3), 7 (A4) and 9 (A5). Pool B is regular season 2 (B1), 4 (B2), 6 (B3), and 8 (B4). Ties for positions in the regular season standings will be broken by random draw.

RULES NOTE #1: HAA Rules Article IX, Section 1, is amended for the 2010 Season to allow both 9-year-olds and 10-year-olds to play on each Minor League team rather than fielding separate teams for the two ages.

RULES NOTE #2: HAA Rules Article IV, Section 14, Item B, Number ii, is amended for the 2010 Season to allow a Minor League Team to pickup substitutes as follows:

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For a 10-year-old, any 10-year-old chosen in the third round of the draft or later; or any 9-year-old; or any Southern League player.

For an 8 or 9-year-old, any 9-year-old chosen in the third round of the draft or later; or any Southern League player.