



JR. THURMAN MUNSON

GAME RULES



**** All rules NOT listed here will be governed by OHSAA rules for that year ****

BASICS

- a. Grades 7-9
- b. Dimensions – 80' bases, 54' mound.
- c. Regulation Game – 7 innings.
- d. No metal spikes **of ANY kind, caps included**
- e. Bats will be drop five (-5) or less; 2 5/8 barrel ONLY; wood bats ARE allowed
- f. Home team dugout will be dictated by each home field setup
- g. Time Limit – No new inning will begin **after 2 hours of play** from the official recorded start for **all games, the only is exception is that** there will be **NO** time limit in the championship game.

GAME PLAY

- h. Minimum number of players to start game – A team must have 8 players to start a game and must maintain throughout the game or the game will be declared a forfeit.
- i. Minimum Playing Time: **each player present must play at least 6 outs in the field and have 1 plate appearance (walk, HBP, base bit, reach on Error all count towards 1 mandatory plate appearance).** The only acceptable grounds for not playing an individual player are disciplinary action, injury, or illness. d. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a two-game suspension of the offending team's head coach and a forfeit of the game.
 - i. **NOTE: this rule is not to be interpreted as a way to avoid playing someone. Rotate all players on defense as much as possible.**
- j. Continuous Batting Order – All players present shall bat in a continuous batting rotation whether playing defensively or not.
- k. Dropped Third Strike – Applies in Jr. Thurman
- l. Infield Fly – Applies in Jr. Thurman

m. Courtesy Runner – May be used to speed up the game for when the catcher is on base and there are 2 outs.

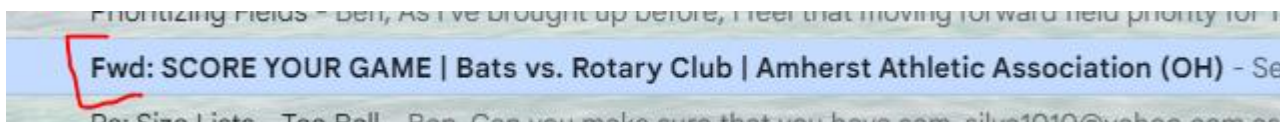
i. **THIS RUNNER MUST BE THE PERSON WHO MADE THE LAST OUT THAT INNING**

KEEPING SCORE - The **WINNING TEAM** is responsible for keeping the official score/ with pitch counts.

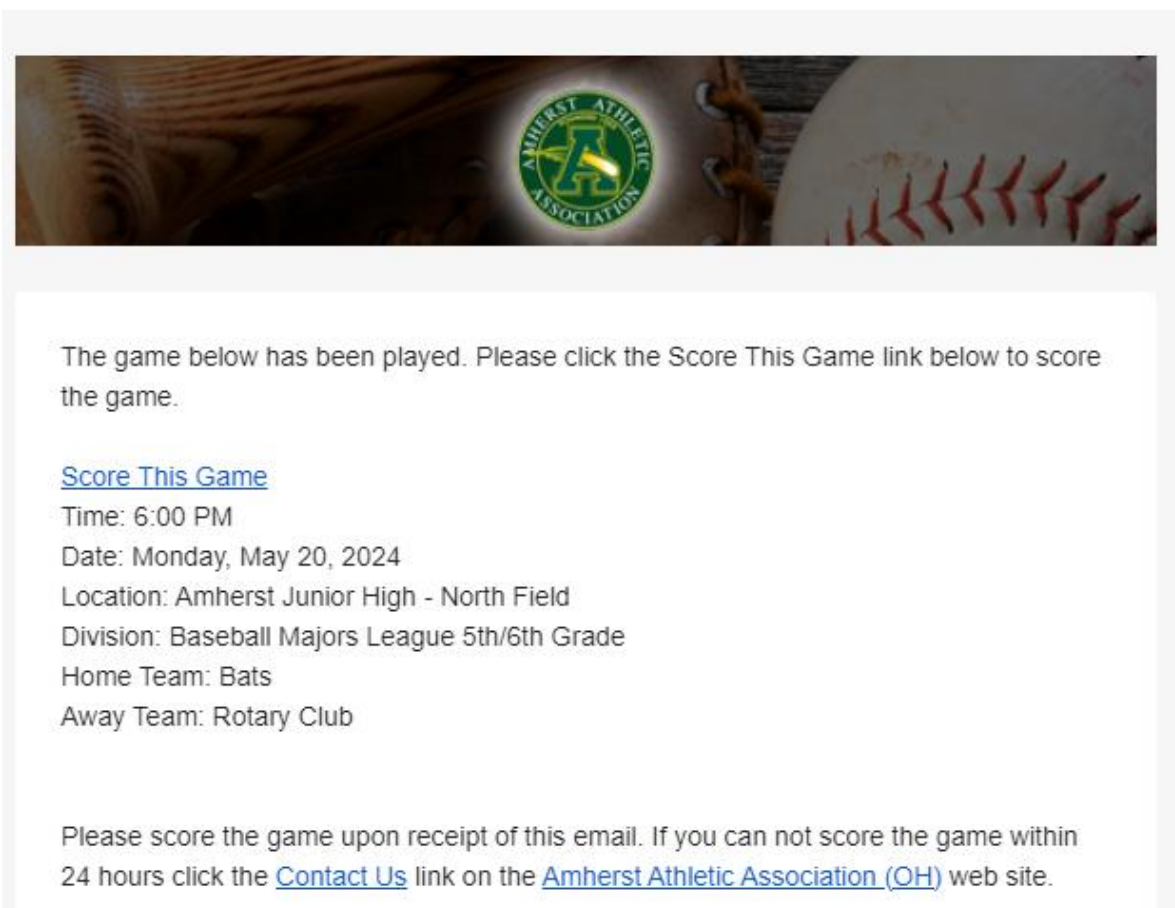
a) Scores will be submitted via email that is sent to each coach before your game that day. The winning coach will submit final score, and pitch counts for both teams using a link inside the email which then feeds into the Amherst Team Sideline website to populate standings. You can see the standings at amherstball.com

SEE SCORE WATCH EXAMPLES BELOW

b) This is what the email looks like when it comes to your inbox, please check your spam folders if you do not receive these in a timely manner -



c) This is what the email content looks like -



Legal Game – 5 Innings (4 ½ if the home team is winning) will constitute a legal game. Games stopped because of the time limit that have not completed 5 Innings (4 ½ if the home team is winning) will count as legal games.

- d) Run Rule: 15-run rule after 4 complete innings or 10-run rule after 5 complete innings – A team leads by 10 or more runs after 5 innings (4 ½ if the home team is winning) of play will be declared the winner. If the visiting team goes ahead by 10 or more runs in the top half of the 6th or 7th inning, the home team still gets to bat in the bottom half of the inning.
- e) Tie Games – Regular season games ending in a tie will be counted as such. Playoffs will keep going until one team secures victory.

League Standings - will be determined based on the following point system:

- f) Two (2) points awarded for a win.
- g) One (1) point awarded for a tie.
- h) Forfeits get recorded as 1-0 win and two (2) points for the victor
- i) One (1) point awarded to each team for a completed game.

End of Season Tournament – Teams will play a single elimination tournament at the end of the regular season. Tournament games ending in a tie will continue into extra innings until a winner is determined. During elimination tournament, double-headers and games on consecutive days may be necessary to complete the season by assigned end date. Tournament games cancelled due to inclement weather after they have begun will be rescheduled and resumed at the point they were stopped. A tournament champion will be awarded. a. No special requests will be accepted for playoffs. Once the bracket has been posted, that will be the set schedule of events.

	Pitch	Count	Chart	
DAILY LIMIT	0 days rest	1 day rest	2 day rest	3 day rest
95	1-20	21-35	36-60	61-95