

2026 Big Country Baseball LOCAL Rules

The following rules, as adopted by the Big Country Baseball board, will govern play in the Big Country Baseball League (Ballinger, Bronte, and Miles) for the **regular season**, along with the 2026-2027 TTAB rules. In TTAB tournament play, please refer to the 2026-2027 TTAB rule book.

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Game Management

1. Time Limits
 - a. No new inning will begin after the time limit has expired. If time expires during an inning, that inning will be completed.
 - b. No new innings will be started after 10:00 p.m. on weeknights.
2. Less than 9 Players
 - a. There will be no minimum number of players required in order for a team to begin play.
3. Minimum Play Time
 - a. Each player must play a minimum of 2 half innings in the field and have one at bat.
 - b. If a player does not get to play the minimum time, that player must start the next game.
 - c. If a manager violates this rule, he will be suspended for 1 game, unless the game is shortened due run rules (this includes no coaching from the stands or sidelines).
 - d. The minimum play rule will not apply to a player who arrives to the game late.
 - e. A manager may bench a player for valid disciplinary reasons, which are furnished in writing to their LOCAL board president.
4. Run Rule
 - a. 20 runs after 3 innings; 15 runs after 4; and 10 runs after 5 for 14U, 12U and 10U.
 - b. 8U Coach Pitch: 15 runs after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5.
 - c. **INNING Run Rule:** 8U- 7 runs per inning, 10U- 10 runs per inning.
5. Scorekeeper
 - a. The home team is responsible for furnishing an official scorekeeper.
 - b. Scorekeeper will note game start times and delay times in official book.
6. Pitch Count
 - a. Both teams will be responsible for keeping the pitch count for both teams.
 - b. Pitch count will be recorded on Team Sideline, with score, after each game.

Standings/Playoffs

1. Standings
 - a. Will be determined by Team Sideline Standings (winning percentage).
 - b. If a playoff game is unable to be played, due to weather and/or scheduling conflicts, the Team Sideline tie breaker analysis will be used (head to head).
2. Playoff Games/Tournaments
 - a. If tied for first place in the league (winning percentage), a single elimination playoff game will be scheduled at a neutral site to determine district playoff standings.
 - b. If more than 2 teams are tied for first place in the league, a double elimination play off tournament will be held to determine first and second place teams.

- c. The 1.5 hour time limit will not be in effect for playoff games/tournaments.
- d. Both teams are responsible for umpires and field playoff site.

Game Rescheduling

1. 48 hour rule
 - a. All games MUST be rescheduled within 48 hours of original game date. A game does not need to be played within the 48 hours but MUST be rescheduled and the date and time provided to the Big Country email.
 - b. A rescheduled game must be played on the rescheduled date and time. If a team does not show up for the rescheduled game, that team will take a forfeit.
 - i. Rescheduled games may only be rescheduled due to weather.
 - c. If 2 team managers cannot agree on a rescheduled time, the BCB Board will schedule the game and whoever does not show up to play will receive a forfeit.
2. Weather
 - a. Please attempt to give a 2 hour notice due to unplayable field conditions.
3. School sponsored activity rescheduling
 - a. School events involving players IN THAT DIVISION that result in unplayable numbers may be rescheduled with 48 hour notice.
4. No call/no show
 - a. You MUST contact the other team's coach with the need to reschedule a game and alert the Big Country Board email.
 - b. Game time equals forfeit time!

Protests

1. Protest Committee
 - a. Committee consists of 2 members assigned from each Big Country town (Ballinger, Bronte and Miles) to vote on the protest.
2. Protest on a Game Ending Play
 - a. If a coach wants to protest a play, which is a game ending play, the protest must be made at the time of the play. A formal protest shall be typed up and sent to the Big Country email within 24 hours and it will be handled by the protest committee.
3. Plate Meetings
 - a. If any rule changes are made at the plate meeting and both coaches agree, you forfeit the right to protest the game. (i.e. batting a 15 man roster).
 - b. Both coaches will sign the book to note the agreement PRIOR to game start!

Unsportsmanlike conduct

1. When a play or occurrence resulting in unsportsmanlike conduct arises, the LOCAL board/boards will be consulted FIRST, if a solution or disciplinary action is not achieved the Big Country board will then be consulted.

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