

## **How Does a 495 League Game End?**

1. After 7 innings or 6 ½ innings if the Home Team is ahead. The team with the most number of runs wins. If the score is tied, the game ends in a tie. Winning team gets 2 points, losing team gets 0 points. In the case of a tie, both teams get 1 point
2. After 2 ½ hours from the scheduled start time, no new inning may start. The Umpire Crew should notify both Managers when they determine no new inning may start. The score is final regardless of the number of innings played after the current inning is completed.
3. Only an official game may be suspended. A game is an official game after 3 ½ innings are completed, or 4 innings if the visiting team is ahead or the score is tied. If the game is called before this point, it must be replayed from the start. Any innings pitched by a pitcher count against the number he may pitch in the next game.
  - a. A game may be called due to darkness, unplayable field conditions, or any other reason for safety by the Home Plate Umpire. His decision is final.
  - b. A score NEVER reverts back to any previous score to change the outcome of a game.
4. Suspended Games
  - a. If the game is official, the game will be a suspended game if play has to be stopped unless it is the bottom of the 4<sup>th</sup> or later inning and the home team is ahead. In that case, the home team wins by the current score.
  - b. If more than 4 innings have been completed and the game is stopped by the Home Plate Umpire, then:
    - i. If a full inning has been completed (between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> inning for example) the game is over with the current score.
    - ii. If the Home team is up, and the Visiting Team has scored the tying or winning runs in the top of the inning, the game is a suspended game from the exact point.
    - iii. If the Home team is up and the Home team is ahead, the game is over with the current score. If the Home team has tied the score, the game is suspended from the exact point.
    - iv. If the Visitors are ahead prior to the start of a new inning and Home team does not tie or go ahead in the bottom and the game is stopped during the bottom, game ends with current score. (not suspended)
  - c. All suspended games pick up from the exact situation, batting order, count on the batter, position of runners etc... This should be recorded exactly in both scorebooks and signed by both Managers and Home Plate Umpire. Suspended games go to completion of 7 innings. The 2 ½ hour time limit no longer applies.
5. If a team is reduced to less 7 players, that team loses by forfeit regardless of the inning. Teams can start a game with 8 players. If a team has 8 players present at the scheduled game start time, the game shall start. Forfeit games are recorded as 7-0 regardless of the current score.
6. There is no Mercy rule; however Managers are expected to observe good sportsmanship in the case of huge leads.
7. Lightning Rule
  - a. If lightning is visible, all players are to be off the field in shelters. If 15 minutes pass and no lightning is observed, play may continue.
  - b. If lightning persists for 15 minutes, the game is over and is unofficial, suspended, or complete per rules 1-5 above.
  - c. If play resumes after 15 minutes of no lightning seen and lightning occurs again, the game is over and is unofficial, suspended, or complete per rules 1-5 above.