

# Mahaska County Little League

## 2009 Local Rules

### 5 & 6 Year old Co-Ed Coach-Pitch/Tee-Ball Division

#### Games and Season:

- 1.1 Games are six (6) innings. **No new inning may start after 1 hr 10 min.** Half-innings may be completed.
- 1.2 All games must start by **6:01 p.m. SHARP.**
- 1.3 Reduced Impact Level 10 baseballs are to be used in practice and games.
- 1.4 Make-up games are encouraged but are strictly up to the opposing coaches.
- 1.5 Any player called out is sent back to dugout. Outs are not counted.
- 1.6 One time through batting order per at bat. Last batter runs all the bases.
- 1.7 All players will assume a position on the field as designated by the coaching staff. (Maximum: 15 players per team).

#### PITCHING RULES

- 2.1 **Coach Pitches** until: Player hits the ball or 4 pitches have been thrown then the tee is placed on home plate and the batter gets 3 swings to hit the ball. If no hit is made player is sent to dugout.
- 2.2 Player Pitcher is required to wear a Batting Helmet with a face guard or shield.
- 2.3 Coaching pitching has to be done by either a Manager or Coach. Must be at least 16 years of age, and have volunteer form filled out and approved. Boy's coach pitch should be thrown over hand and Girl's coach pitch should be thrown under hand.
- 2.4 **Coaches cannot pitch from less than 35' min.**
- 2.5 Catcher must wear all catching gear and set up a safe distance from batter.

#### PLAYING RULES

- 3.1 **Two coaches may be in the outfield to instruct the players on defense. This is encouraged for all teams.**
- 3.2 No Bunting is allowed.
- 3.3 Infield Fly Rule does not apply.
- 3.4 Players may not lead off base. Player may leave the base after the ball is hit into fair territory.
- 3.5 For an uncontrolled throw at any base, the runner(s) may advance, **at their own risk, one base only per at bat.**
- 3.6 No pitcher's circle will be used.
- 3.7 Fielders will be deployed an equal distance from each other in the outfield. **NO ROVER** (Clarification: there must be 2 fielders on either side of the imaginary line that extends from home through base at all times). The coaches shall decide how shallow the outfielders may play minimum 20' from baseline.
- 3.8 Every attempt shall be made to allow for equal participation. **NO PLAYER MAY SIT OUT MORE THAN 1 INNING UNLESS INJURED.**
- 3.9 Coaches are a part of the Field.
- 3.10 All Batting Helmets must have a full face-guard or face-shield, even if brought by Player.

#### RULE BOOK REMINDERS:

- \* There will be no pitching by a player whatsoever in this age division per Little League rule Book (Reg. I(a)(Note 3).
- \* No head-first sliding allowed when advancing to a base. **(Rule 7.08a(4)).**
- \* Any runner is out when the runner does not slide or attempt to get around a fielder **who has the ball** and is waiting to make the tag. **(Rule 7.08a(3)).**
- \* If a child has a personal helmet, be sure they are clearly labeled. Label should be on bottom side of bill, and **must have full face-guard or face-shield.** No personal stickers or painted helmets allowed. **(Rule 1.16).**

Player pitching distance:      Players playing in pitching position must stand at the 40' or 46' plates.

Base path distance:            Boys    50'                                      Girls    50'