

# Mahaska County Little League

## 2009 Local Rules Boys & Girls Major Division

MCLL Major League Baseball and Softball will be governed by rules published by Little League Baseball and Softball International.

The following local rules will apply in addition to the LLBS published rules.

- 1 Games are six (6) innings. Time limit: **No new inning will start after 1 hr 30 min., as determined by umpire.**
- 2 All players on the roster will bat.
- 3 Free substitutions. (Baseball: A player once removed as a pitcher may not pitch again in the same game. **(Reg. VI (d))** Softball: A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game but only once in the same inning as she was removed **(Reg. VI (c))**, **subject to remaining eligibility.**
- 4 Players must play at least **six (6) Defensive Outs** per game.
- 5 Teams can play with eight (8) players but the Batter is an out. Late players must bat at the bottom of the batting order.
- 6 All Batters helmets must be fitted with a full face guard or shield. This includes personal helmets. No personal stickers or painted helmets allowed. **(Rule 1.16)**
- 7 Pitchers do not have to wear a helmet.
- 8 Once a base runner has re-established contact with the base, that runner is committed to that base until the ball is once again put into play.
- 9 Pool Players are assigned to a team by the local board's Player Agent. A pool player is not eligible to pitch and must play a minimum of nine (9) consecutive defensive outs.

### **RULE BOOK REMINDERS:**

- A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day. **Baseball Only (Reg. VI (c))**. All other pitch count (Boys) and innings pitched (Girls) guidelines can be found under **(Reg. VI)**.
- **No "automatic" intentional walks are allowed.** If a pitcher wishes to intentionally walk a batter, he must do so by pitching four pitches intentionally outside the strike zone that are not struck at by the batter, and are called "balls" by the umpire. All such pitches will count in determining that pitcher's pitch count. **Baseball Only**
- Manager, Coaches, or Parents are **not** allowed to catch pitchers before or during a game or practice. If in violation of this rule, a Code of Conduct hearing will be held, with penalties to follow. **RULE 3.09 (RULE BOOK) (This includes any team function)**
- Pitching distance: Boys 46' Girls 40'
- Base path Length: Boys 60' Girls 60'
- Home team has option to provide third base umpire unless paid base umpire is provided.
- Visiting team has option to provide first base umpire unless paid base umpire is provided.