

# Mahaska County Little League

## 2010 Local Rules

### 9 & 10 Year old Boys & Girls Minor Division

MCLL Minor 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.

#### Games and Season:

- 1.1 Games are six (6) innings, **no new inning may start after 1 hr. 30 minutes.** Half-innings may be completed.
- 1.2 All games must start at scheduled time, if possible; a 10 minute grace period is allowed if a team lacks players to start.
- 1.3 10 Run Rule applies after four (4) innings, or 3 and a half innings if the leading team is the Home team.
- 1.4 **When the 5<sup>th</sup> run crosses home plate in a half-inning, the half-inning is over and play must stop.**
- 1.5 Scores for each game must be kept. (Coaches are responsible to get scores to local papers).
- 1.6 League Standings will be kept. Please report scores/standings per your local board requests.
- 1.7 Make-up games NEED to be made up. Coaches are responsible for getting make-up games scheduled.
- 1.8 Teams can play with any number of players. No empty batter's position shall be considered an out. Late players must bat at the bottom of the batting order.

#### PITCHING RULES

- 2.1 Umpires shall be responsible for the conduct of the game while calling balls and strikes.
- 2.2 ALL pitchers are required to wear a Batting Helmet. (Face guard optional)
- 2.3 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.**
- 2.4 Hit Batters: Pitchers must be removed after hitting three (3) batters in an inning, as long as the batters made an attempt to get out of the way of the pitches, in the judgment of the umpire.
- 2.5 League age 11-year-olds cannot **PITCH** in this division.

#### PLAYING RULES

- 3.1 Infield Fly Rule does apply.
- 3.2 Players may not lead off base. Players may leave the base after the ball has reached the batter or been put in play.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 **No Stealing Home:** A base runner may advance from **third** only when; a ball is batted into fair territory or during a bases loaded walk. When a "HIT" ball is live, batters may advance at their own risk.
- 3.5 All players on the roster will bat.
- 3.6 Every attempt shall be made to allow for equal participation. **NO PLAYER MAY SIT OUT MORE THAN 2 INNINGS (6 CONSECUTIVE DEFENSIVE OUTS) UNLESS INJURED.** If game ends before a Player plays six defensive outs, the Player must start the next game and play the required number of outs before being Substituted. **(Reg. IV (i))**
- 3.7 All batter's helmets must be fitted with full face guard or shield including personal helmets. No personal stickers or painted helmets allowed. **(Rule 1.16)**

## 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)).
- **Regulation VI – PITCHERS in the Baseball Rule Book** has been amended to read, in part:
  - (a) Any player on a regular season team may pitch. *Exception: Any player, who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game, is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.*
  - (b) **Summary and Implementation:** Beginning immediately, this prohibits a player – who has played the position of catcher in any part of four innings in a game – from being used as a pitcher at any time on that calendar day. This applies to all baseball divisions, and will apply to the International Tournament as well.
- Pitch counts must be kept according to the LLB Rule Book. Maximum pitches for Rookie Division is (75).
- **Player pitch count rules apply as follows: BASEBALL ONLY**
  - If a player pitches 51-65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest is required.
  - If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest is required.
  - If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest is required.
  - If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.
- **Player Pitch Innings apply as follows: SOFTBALL ONLY**
  - If a player pitches in more than one (1) inning, one (1) calendar day of rest is mandatory.
  - A player may pitch in a maximum of six (6) innings in a game.
  - A player may pitch in a maximum of six (6) innings in a calendar week, Sunday through Saturday.
  - Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched in an inning.
- **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**
- 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))**

Managers, Coaches, or Parents are **not** allowed to catch a pitcher before or during a game or practice. If in violation of this rule you will be brought up on a code of conduct ruling with penalties to follow. **RULE 3.09 (LLBS RULE BOOK)**

Pitching distance:    Boys - 46’            Girls - 35’  
Base path distance:    Boys - 60’            Girls - 60’

Home team has option to provide third base umpire unless paid umpire is provided.

Visiting team has option to provide first base umpire unless paid base umpire is provided.