

# Mahaska County Little League

## 2010 Local Rules

### 7 & 8 Year old Boys & Girls Rookie Division

#### Games and Season:

- 1.0 Season will be split into two segments: Segment (1) will consist of coach pitch. Segment (2) will be player pitch with coach pitching as reliever. Player will pitch until requirements are met and if needed the coach will pitch until the batter has finished their at-bat. **Segment (2) will begin on May 31st 2010 for ALL teams.**
- 1.1 Games are six (6) innings, **no new inning may start after 1 hr. 20 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 Reduced Impact Level 5 baseballs will be used for Boys. Girls Level 5 10" softball will be used.
- 1.6 Scores for each game may be kept. (Coaches are responsible to get scores to local papers).
- 1.7 No League Standings will be kept.
- 1.8 NO YEAR-END TOURNAMENT.
- 1.9 Make-up games are encouraged but are strictly up to the opposing coaches.
- 1.10 10 players on defense, No outs for playing with less than 10 players.

#### PITCHING RULES

- 2.1 **Player Pitches** until: 1) Player strikes out or hits, 2) if Player watches 4 balls, the coach will step in. Strikes against batter will carry over to coach pitching.
- 2.2 **Coach Pitches** until: 1) Player strikes out or hits, 2) if Player watches 4 balls, the player is sent back to the Dugout, no outs recorded.
- 2.3 Umpires shall be responsible for the conduct of the game while calling balls and strikes.
- 2.4 Player Pitcher is required to wear a Batting Helmet. (Face guard optional)
- 2.5 If a Batter is hit by a pitch and it is determined they made an attempt to get out of the way, they will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> base.
- 2.6 Boys' coach-pitch is thrown over-hand. Girls' coach-pitch is thrown under-hand. **Coach pitching distance cannot be less than 35'.**
- 2.7 Coach pitching has to be done by either the coach or asst. coach, who has to be 16 or older, and also have filled out a volunteer application form and have been approved.

#### 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 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.
- 3.7 No pitcher's circle will be used.
- 3.8 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 2<sup>nd</sup> base at all times).
- 3.9 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))**
- 3.10 Coaches are a part of the Field.
- 3.11 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 (50).
- **Player pitch count rules apply as follows: BASEBALL ONLY**
  - 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 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 - 50'	Girls - 50'

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.

**Coaches – If you are using “volunteer” umpires, please ask them to be consistent with calling “balls and strikes” (swinging strikes are obviously strikes, but if a pitcher pitches a strike that needs to be more consistently called).**