

## Tri-State Area Youth Baseball League

### League Specific Rules by Division- Minors Age 9-10

Little League rules will be followed except for the following:

1. At the beginning of the game both head coaches and umpire will meet to discuss the rules, review bats, ineligible pitchers (pitch count from previous games should be available in each team's scorebook) and any issues related to the field, out of play areas, etc.
2. At the conclusion of each inning, coaches will confirm pitch count with each other and the umpire. At the end of the game the umpire will sign/ confirm both scorebooks. Teams should have a visible pitch count method (hand counter, hash marks in scorebook, dry erase board, etc.) to confirm pitch count. If any discrepancies occur, umpire will use the home team count (with proof of recording).
3. League will allow an 11-year-old to play at this level if they are first year player or their skill level would benefit them from playing at the level. Area reps agree that if an 11 year shows advanced skills, they would be moved up a level.
4. No stealing home on passed balls. Runner on third may advance if an attempted play is made at 1st, 2nd, or 3rd base, otherwise once the catcher attempts a throw to the pitcher it is a dead ball.
5. Game length – No inning will start play after the 1:45-hour mark (inning will finish play if started before the 1:45-hour mark).
6. Six run limit per inning (plus continuation runs if runners present). Unlimited runs in the sixth inning.
7. 10 run rules after four innings.
8. No Infield shift (two infielders on each side of second).
9. No Slash hitting – an attempt will result in an automatic out
10. Batting order can have any number of batters (all players present on the team must bat at least once per game). Rotation sub in batting order permitted (every other at bat can switch batters back and forth). Once a batter is placed into the order, they must stay in that position in the batting order.
11. Free Substitution in the field (each player must play 2 innings in the field – Barring a 10 run rule in the 4<sup>th</sup> and all players had one time in the field).
12. Only two players may have a bat in their hands during play. The batter and the on-deck batter provided the on-deck batter can be in a safe area within the field of play (inside the fence). No other players should have a bat, and no bats should be swung outside the field of play fence.
13. Batters should always attempt to keep one foot in the batter's box when up to bat, unless there is a passed ball then they should clear the batter's box.
14. All teams should exhibit good sportsmanship (coaches and parents included).
15. In case of rain out the visiting team's coach should be notified 90 minutes before scheduled play.

#### Pitch Count will be followed as per little league rules:

- Age 7-8 -Maximum 50 pitches per day
- Age 9-10- Maximum 75 Pitches per day
- If a pitcher delivers 41 Pitches or more, he may not move to the position of catcher for the remainder of the day.
- Any player that plays the position of catcher in four or more innings is not eligible to switch to pitcher for the rest of the day.

#### Days of rest

1-20 pitches = No day rest

21-35 pitches = One calendar day rest

36-50 pitches = Two calendar days rest

51-65 pitches = Three calendar days of rest

66 or more pitches = Four calendar days of rest

\*for days rest the pitch count at the start of the final batter faced is the number of record.