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Rules & Responsibilities

Parents and coaches: While winning is fun, the players are here to learn and to have a good time!
Please treat the umpires and opposing team with respect and courtesy.

Field Responsibilities

A. The home team (First Base Dugout) is responsible for field preparation, game balls “located in equipment shed”, After game has been completed home team must rake field.

Weather

- A. The players' safety is priority, and it is the responsibility of the umpires AND coaches to follow the rule.
- Weather: ALL GAMES MUST BE CALLED AT THE FIRST SIGHT OF LIGHTNING.
 - After waiting 20 minutes if no other lightning strikes game may resume.
 - If another lightning strikes in the 20-minute waiting period, the clock starts over.
 - Head coaches along with umpires can discuss stopping the game at this point.

Coach Responsibilities

- A. Players and coaches may be removed for unsportsmanlike conduct. (If there is a situation were someone needs to be removed, please contact the league representative, vice president, or president)
- B. Coaches must give opposing coach the team batting order before game time.
- C. Warmups should not delay the start of games.
- D. The game start time is recorded in the home team's score book after agreement with coaches and umpires as to the correct time.
- E. The coach of the hitting team is responsible for placing the ball on the tee and moving the tee out of play once the ball is hit.
- F. The coaches on 1st base and 2nd base are responsible for making calls on all bases; the coach at home plate is responsible for making calls at home plate. (There will be no umpires for league play however umpires will be introduced during Hallie Youth Days)
- G. If there is a protested call as coaches, please meet and discuss in a professional manner. If an agreement cannot be reached flip a coin to determine what team will get the call.
- H. All players and coaches are responsible for their personal appearance. All players will wear issued uniforms. Shorts are allowed for t-ball but are not recommended.

- I. Two defensive team coaches are allowed in the outfield during play to provide defensive instruction to players.
- J. When batting a coach can help position the batter in the batter's box and on deck circle (try going less and less each game but help the children that need help).

Umpires

- A. During regular season games, umpires will not be provided, and coaches will be responsible for making all calls.

General Game Information

1. All games are 6 innings or 1 hour in length, whichever comes first.
2. Three complete innings will constitute a completed game and will not be made up.
3. Incomplete games will be replayed from the start of the last inning.
4. Coaches are encouraged to make up rainout games, but do not have to be rescheduled unless the result will affect the outcome of playoff standings.
5. A safety or flexi baseball shall be used.
6. When the score is tied at the end of the 1-hour time limit, only one additional inning may be played.
 - a. The game may end in a tie score.
7. The home team must always have last at-bat.
8. If there is ANY time remaining on the clock at the start of the next inning, the game will continue unless there is no way the other team can win (more than 6-run lead).
9. A maximum of 6 runs per team, per inning is allowed (when the 6th run crosses the plate the side is retired). The 6-run limit includes the last inning in league, tournament, and championship games.
10. The infield fly rule does not apply.
11. Baseball bats shall be stamped "t-ball", "little league", or "USA Baseball". Bats shall have a maximum barrel diameter of 2 3/4" inches.
12. For league standing – 2 points awarded for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss.

Batting

1. The team must bat in order.
2. All players must bat and wear a helmet.
3. If the game has started and the opposing team's scorekeeper has the batting list, and a boy comes late he must be put at the bottom of the batting list any time during the game.
4. The batter is out after 3 strikes, whether strikes or called foul balls, by fair swing at the ball.
5. The batter will be warned once for stepping out of the batter's box or throwing the bat. The second time, the batter will be called out. The runners cannot advance.
6. Bunting is NOT allowed, and a full swing must be taken by the batter.
7. The ball must go past the white line in front of batter's box. If ball does not go past the designated white line, then it is a foul ball.
8. Lining the bat up with the tee and ball falls off is not a strike.

Base Runners

1. No base stealing or leading off is allowed.
2. A runner may go one base on an infield hit.
3. Runners are allowed to take extra bases on an outfield hit.
4. Each play is over once the ball is returned to the infield.
5. Once the ball is return to the infield, base-runners must return to the last base touched (No half way rule).
6. Players may NOT take an extra base on an overthrow at any time.
7. A runner may be called out at home plate if he does not slide when there is a close play at home.

Fielding

1. It is required that you move your players around in the field and not play them in the same position for more than two innings. It is also suggested that all players be allowed to play the infield at least once per game.
2. There may be a maximum of 6 infield players, and the rest are outfield players. An outfield player must be on the grass.
3. No major shifts are allowed.
4. There must be 9 players minimum to cover normal baseball positions.
5. Except for the catcher, infielders may not position themselves ahead of the pitcher ($1/2$ the distance between home plate and first or third base).
6. There may be free substitutions at any time.
7. The pitcher must be on the pitcher's rubber to start play.
8. The first baseman must touch the white bag to be an out. The orange bag is just a safety bag for the runner.
9. All players must either make a throw or tag the runner.
10. Players must make "Baseball Play" at first base, no touching base for an out unless it's the first basemen.