

# Hillside/Memorial Farm Baseball Rules

- 1) Game Play
  - a. 6 Innings
    1. No New inning may begin after 1 hour 15 minutes (75 minutes)
    2. Hard stop at 1 Hour 45 min (105 Min)
      - a. If hard stop is applied, the last fully completed inning is the official end of the game
  - b. Half innings are 3 outs or **Max of 6 Runs** whichever comes first.  
The half inning ends as soon as the 6<sup>th</sup> run scores regardless of any continuation in play.
  - c. Win/loss records are not kept
    1. Until postseason to determine "in house champion"
- 2) Umpires
  - a. Batting team's coach is home plate umpire
    1. This is also the Coach that will pitch when needed (see pitching rules)
  - b. Fielding team's coach will act as base umpire
- 3) Field
  - a. 60' bases
  - b. 37' Pitching mound
  - c. NO ON DECK BATTERS**
- 4) Batting Order
  - a. Everyone is placed in batting lineup
  - b. Players that arrive after lineups have been exchanged must be reported immediately to BOTH scorekeepers and will be inserted to the end of the lineup that was handed to opposing scorekeeper
    - i.e. if 12 batter lineup was handed in...Late player will be inserted to the "13 HOLE" regardless of where team is in the lineup
- 5) Base running
  - a. No extra bases on overthrows
  - b. Once ball reaches infield runner may continue going to the base they were going to at their own risk
  - c. No Stealing
- 6) Pitching rules
  - a. All games are Coach Pitch until May 15<sup>th</sup>
    1. Batting Team's coach is the pitcher
  - b. All teams must begin Kid Pitch by May 15th
    1. Kid Pitch rules:
      - a. Pitcher limit 1 inning per game
      - b. Pitcher limit 50 pitches
        - i. If 50 pitches is reached, the remainder of that half inning is Coach Pitch

- ii. If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- iii. If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- iv. If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.
- v. **Exception:** If a pitcher reaches the limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: 1. That batter reaches base; 2. That batter is put out; 3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning
- c. Kids pitch odd number inning, coaches pitch even number inning
- d. a Maximum of 6 pitches per batter may be thrown
- e. a coach will enter to pitch to batter should:
  - i. Ball 4 is thrown
  - ii. Batter is hit by pitch
  - iii. The 6 pitch per batter minimum is met without 1 or 2 occurring, a playable ball hit, or strike out
- f. **During Kid Pitch, When a Coach enter to pitch to his/her player, The batter will retain the same number of strikes UNLESS the batter had 2 strikes at which point the count will be reduced to 1 strike prior to Coach Pitch.**
  - i. **Ex: Batter is hit by pitch on the first pitch of the at bat, coach enters to pitch and the count is 0 strikes.**
  - ii. **Ex: Batter is walked on a full count (3 balls 2 strikes), coach enters to pitch and the count is 1 strike.**
- c. All pitchers including coaches must pitch from the rubber (37' from plate)
  - 1. The intent of this rule is that the pitch from the coach should be coming from the same distance and plane as the pitch from the player.
    - a. i.e. no underhand toss from 15'-20' away
  - 2. Coaches may stand, squat or take a knee to throw but the pitch must be delivered from the pitching rubber.