

## 2019 Fall League Baseball--12 & Under (50/70) Division (Revised 08-01-19)

1. Games will consist of 6 innings or one hour & 15 minutes time limit
2. The following mercy rules will apply; 15 runs after 2 ½ or 3 innings, 10 runs after 3 ½ or 4 innings, provided each player has batted at least on time. A new inning starts if time permits in a scenario of a kid that has not had an at bat.
3. Bases will be set at 70 ft. and the pitching mound will be set at 50 ft.
4. Base stealing is allowed, with runners taking primary & secondary leads off the base occupied.
5. Pitchers will pitch from the wind up or set positions. Balks will be called. Coaches should educate all pitchers the difference in both pitching positions.
6. Free substitutions in all positions except the pitching position. Pitchers removed from the mound may not re-enter to pitch, but may play all other positions on the field.
7. Each player must play a defensive position for at least one inning of defense for each game that is played. If possible, coaches should try to get another inning of defensive play if time permits.
8. **Batting Order**—Every player on the team roster will be placed in the lineup and bat the entire duration of the game. **\*No head first slides** going into a base--runners will be called out. **Exception:** a runner going back to a base already touched or missed, can slide head first.
9. **Defense will play ten (10) players on defense using four (4) outfielders, unless fewer than 10 players show up for the game. In this case, coaches will utilize the players they have for the outfield, 2 outfielders for eight players and 3 outfielders for nine for nine players. \*Players arriving late will be put in the field and added to the bottom of the lineup.**
10. All catchers must wear a protective cup.
11. If a **player is ejected** from a game, when his position in the batting order comes up, it is an out each time the vacated spot is due to bat, regardless of the amount of players on the roster. This is a sportsmanship penalty. **Note:** If a player leaves the game due to sickness or injury, he/she **can not** return to the game, the vacated spot will simply be skipped.
12. A courtesy runner for the catcher only will be allowed. The runner must be the player that recorded the last out. Coaches need to designate a player to warm up pitchers if the catcher is not ready. The designated player must wear a catcher's mask with throat protector. If a coach warms up a player, the coach must wear a facemask. No exceptions. This is a game speed up rule.
13. Teams can start a game with only 8 players with no penalty. If a player arrives later, that player will be inserted into the 9<sup>th</sup> position. All other players arriving late would also be placed at the end of the batting lineup.
14. Batting helmets with face masks are not required.
15. Pitchers are allotted six innings per week. If a pitcher pitches 4 or more innings in a game, he/she can not return to pitch in their team's next game unless they have had 36 hrs. rest. **\*\*Note that** when the rest requirement is met, a player that had threw 4 innings would be eligible to pitch only two innings the remainder of the week. Coaches in violation of abusing the 6 inning rule will be subject to a one game suspension.
16. All games that are tied after regulation, either by time limit or innings, will end in a tie. This applies to only the regular season games.
17. **\*\*Note:** If a catcher drops the ball on a third strike, by rule, the batter is out **if** first base is occupied with one out or less. With no outs and first not occupied or with two outs and base occupied, a play would need to be made by tagging the batter or throwing the batter out at first. **\*\*Coaches need to educate players the difference in the situations involving dropped third strikes and how the rule is applied with different situations.**
18. **Ejections: if a coach is ejected from a game, he/she must leave the grounds and take their child with them, if a player. The coach must sit out their next scheduled game, this is a one game suspension, however, his/her child will be allowed to play their next game.**
19. **\*\*There will be NO fake bunts/slap hit away allowed. Also, NO wagging or the bat by the batter to distract the catcher. Penalty: Dead ball, runners placed back to where they were at the time of the pitch. Umpire will warn coach/team for the first offense. Second offense, the batter will be out. This is a safety/sportsmanship rule as fielders will be crashing to close on fake bunt/hit aways.**