



## 9-10 Baseball Rules

- 1) Games Monday through Friday will start at 6:00pm and 8:00pm at Conrad Park unless otherwise noted
  - a. Saturday game times are TBD based on field availability
- 2) Games last 6 innings
- 3) No new inning will start after 1 hour and 45 minutes
- 4) Mercy rule is 15 runs after 4 innings and 10 runs after 5 innings.
- 5) Teams must start and end games with at least 8 players.
- 6) Run rule = 7 run limit per inning
  - a. If you are losing you may score more than 7 runs in an inning.
  - b. Once the game is tied, the 7 run limit per inning is implemented again.
  - c. Example... loosing 8-2, you can score 6 runs to tie the game and an additional 7 more runs totaling 13 runs in that inning.
- 7) Unlimited Substitutions
- 8) All players will be in the batting order
- 9) All players must have a fielding position for at least 2 innings. This should be achieved by the 4<sup>th</sup> inning.
- 10) Bats must be Little League approved (2 ¼" barrel). No big barrel bats
- 11) Pitchers can pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game.
  - a. One pitch counts as an inning
  - b. Pitchers can only pitch 6 innings per week.
  - c. Pitchers can return to the mound 1 time per game
  - d. Coaches may visit the mound 2 times per inning. The 2<sup>nd</sup> visit requires a pitching change.
  - e. If a pitcher hits a batter 3 times in one inning or a total of 4 batters in a game, they must be pulled from the mound and not return to pitch that game.
- 12) No lead offs
- 13) Stealing 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> base is allowed after the ball crosses the plate or passes the catcher
  - a. You may not score on a steal or a passed ball.
  - b. Runners can only score from a batted ball, forced in by bases loaded walk or a hit batter.
- 14) No advancement to 1<sup>st</sup> base after a dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike.
- 15) Bunting is allowed but slug bunts are not allowed (fake a bunt, pull the bat back then swing the bat)
- 16) Base runners must slide if there is a close play.
  - a. No head first slides
  - b. If the runner doesn't slide he is out and the team will receive a warning. The second incident from the same player will result in an ejection.
- 17) Infield Fly rule will be enforced
- 18) No intentional walks
- 19) All batters and runners must wear protective helmets
- 20) Catchers must wear protective equipment and must wear a protective cup.
  - a. If you do not wear a protective cup you can not catch.
- 21) Throwing of equipment or profanity will not be tolerated.
  - a. A warning will be given on the first offense.
  - b. The second offense will result in an ejection

- 22) Profanity from coaches or parents will not be permitted or tolerated.
  - a. A warning will be given on the first offense
  - b. A second offense will result in an ejection
  - c. If a coach is ejected, please report it to the AWABSA board and further disciplinary action will take place.
- 23) The home team is the official book. Please check scores between innings to avoid conflicts.
- 24) The home team shall reschedule weather cancellations through the commissioner
- 25) Please stick to the original schedule for games. If for some emergency reason a game needs to be rescheduled, please confer with the other team and call the commissioner.
- 26) In the event of a rainout or time limit, an official game is 3.5 innings if the home team is ahead and 4 innings if the visitors are ahead. Note: in the event the umpire deems that the coach is stalling due to the time limit or weather conditions, he may at his discretion, forfeit the game to the opposing coach.
- 27) Inclement weather. We will err on the side of caution for safety of the players, coaches and parents. If lightning is seen, the game will be suspended for 30 minutes.
- 28) Please clean up the field and bench areas at the conclusion of each game.
  - a. Trash receptacles should be available at or near the field.

\*\*\* Coaches must set a good example for the youth of this league. AWAGSA will not accept and will dismiss coaches for abusive behavior towards players or umpires. If a coach or player is ejected, they will be suspended for one additional game. A second ejection will result in a suspension for the season. Remember, the boys are here to learn and enjoy the game of baseball. As a coach, you can make this happen.

Pitcher's Mound = 46'

Bases = 65'

6 Innings

Time Limit = 1 hour 45 minutes

Mercy = 15 runs after 4innings and 10 runs after 5

Bats = 2 ¼" barrel or Little League certified. Can not use big barrel bats

No metal cleats