

HARRISBURG YOUTH ATHLETICS

7U BOYS Kindergarten & 1st Grade

COACH PITCH BOYS LEAGUE RULES

7U LEAGUE takes the developing young players into the full game of baseball.

PLAYING FIELDS

- A. Distance between bases: 50 feet
- B. Pitching distance: 30 feet

EQUIPMENT

- A. The batter, players in the on-deck batting area, and base runners are required to wear batting helmets.
- B. Catchers are required to wear a mask with protective throat guard, chest protector, cup type athletic supporter, shin guards, and protective head gear which gives protection to the top of the head when catching behind the plate.
- C. It is recommended that coaches make every effort to see that athletic supporters/cups are worn by all players.
- D. Each team will be issued 4 batting helmets, 1 dozen baseballs, catching equipment, equipment bag, and a key, which opens the storage shed, lights, and restrooms.

PLAYING RULES

- A. The batting order will consist of all the players on your team who are at the game. **EVERYONE** bats each inning-there is **NO** 3-out per inning rule. The batting order will reverse each inning. For example, the first inning will be batters 1-9. The second inning will be 9-1. This will alternate each inning. Try to bat your catcher in the middle of the order so they may get ready sooner.
- B. All players can be in the field defensively, but please, one player per position on the infield (only one 1st baseman, one 2nd baseman, one 3rd baseman, one shortstop, one pitcher, and one catcher, with the remainder spread throughout the outfield). No player can play the same position for more than two innings in the game, except for the catcher. Please switch your players around from the infield and outfield.
- C. There is no infield fly rule.
- D. If there is an overthrow, each base runner may advance one base **ONLY**.
- E. Last batter that bats will hit the ball and run as he normally would in a game situation. The defense will either get the batter or a runner out or the runner reaches safely and the inning ends. No more running all the way around bases to end the inning. Inning is over.
- F. No official score will be kept.
- G. The home team shall occupy the third base dugout.

PITCHING RULES

- A. All pitching will be done by a **COACH ONLY**. Pitch at 30 feet and throw the ball in a straight line. DO NOT throw ball in an arch or rainbow and no underhanded throwing.
- B. Each batter receives **FIVE (5)** hittable pitches. If they have not hit a fair ball, then the player will be allowed 3 swings off of batting tee. No soft toss.
- C. Make every effort to keep the game proceeding as quickly as possible.

LENGTH OF GAMES

- A. Regulation games shall be FIVE (5) innings in duration. There will be no extra inning games.

SCHEDULE

- A. A. Scheduling and rescheduling of league games shall be the responsibility of HYA.
- B. Rain date: Supervisor will do re-scheduling.
- C. Every effort should be made to **START THE GAMES ON TIME** and end them on time.
- D. Games will last one hour and thirty minutes. No new inning will start after one hour and ten minutes.

MANAGERS AND COACHES

- A. A. Adult coaches may be used in either or both the first and third base coaching boxes.
- B. Coaches, **THE TIME BETWEEN INNINGS IS VERY IMPORTANT.** Do everything you can to be organized and to speed the game up. Coaches may need to **HELP** the catcher put the catcher's gear on to speed the game up. Bat your catcher first or second in the inning before they are going to catch.
- C. Each coach shall have the player's medical release form on hand for all practices and games.
- D. Pick up all **TRASH** in your dugout or general area after every game. Make your players help you.

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