

RULES 7-8U YEAR OLD MACHINE PITCH LEAGUE

1) GUM: THERE IS NO CHEWING GUM ON THE FIELDS. NO TABACO PRODUCT ALLOWED IN THE PARK AT ANY TIME BY PLAYERS, COACHES OR UMPIRES. NO SUNFLOWER SEEDS ON THE FIELDS.

2) SHOES: NO METAL SPIKES. BASEBALL RUBBER CLEATS WORK THE BEST ON LENZ FIELD

3) BATTING ORDER: ALL PLAYERS HIT IN THE BATTING ORDER. THERE IS OPEN SUBSTITUTION FOR THIS LEAGUE AT ALL POSITIONS. 10 PLAYERS WILL PLAY THE FIELD FOR THIS LEAGUE. 4 OUTFIELDERS AND 4 INFIELD WITH PITCHER AND CATCHER. YOU CANNOT PLAY 5 INFIELDERS AT ANY TIME. PITCHER MUST HAVE ONE FOOT INSIDE BROWN CIRCLE.

4) IF ANY TEAM SCORES 5 RUNS IN ONE INNING THEN THAT CONSISTUTES AN INNING. 6 INNING GAMES. YOU CANNOT START AN INNING AFTER 1:20 MINUTE TIME LIMIT. IF YOU ARE THE LAST GAME OF THE NIGHT AND BOTH COACHES AGREE YOU CAN WAIVE THE TIME LIMIT. * IF THE SCORE IN ANY GAME BECOMES CLEARLY ONE SIDED, THE SCOREBOARD SHOULD BE SHUT OFF AND PLAY CONTINUED. FOR EXAMPLE: 3 OR 4TH INNING AND SCORE IS 30-2. THIS WOULD BE THE DECISION OF THE INDIVIDUAL COACHES. THERE ARE NO RUN RULES FOR THIS LEAGUE

5) THERE IS NO INFIELD FLY RULE FOR THIS LEAGUE.

6) THIS IS A MACHINE PITCH LEAGUE. PLAYER GETS 5 GOOD PITCHES TO HIT. IF THEY MISS OR TAKE 5 STRIKES THAN THAT COUNTS AS A STRIKE OUT. IF THEY SWING AT A BAD PITCH THAT SWING COUNTS. IF THEY DO NOT SWING AT A BAD PITCH, THAT PITCH DOES NOT COUNT. PITCHING DISTANCE IS 42FT AND 38-40 MPH. IF PLAYER FOULS OFF THE 5TH PITCH THEY GET ANOTHER PITCH. YOU CANNOT FOUL OUT.

7) NO STEALING

8) YOU CANNOT LEAD OFF UNTIL THE BALL IS HIT.

9) YOU CAN ADVANCE ON OVER THROWS. THE BALL WILL BE CONSIDERED DEAD, AND PLAYERS CAN NOT ADVANCE AFTER THE BALL IS SECURED BY AN INFIELDER INSIDE THE BROWN INFIELD AREA OR GREEN AREA ON FIELD #1. IF THE BALL IS HIT TO THE OUTFIELD, THEN THROWN BACK TO AN INFIELDER IN THE BROWN AREA AND SECURED BY AN INFIELDER THE BALL IS DEAD AT THAT POINT, AND PLAYERS CAN NO LONGER ADVANCE UNLESS A PLAY IS MADE ON A RUNNER. REMEMBER: THERE IS NO LEADING OFF AND NO STEALING.

10) HOME TEAM: COACHES WILL FLIP COIN BEFORE EACH GAME

11) PLAYER/COACH EJECTIONS: IF UMPIRE EJECTS ANY COACH OR PLAYER THEY MUST IMMEDIATELY LEAVE THE GROUNDS AT LENZ SALES & DIST.,INC. & LENZ SPORTS COMPLEX. DETERMINATION OF FUTURE GAME SUSPENSIONS WILL BE MADE BY THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR BEFORE THE NEXT SCHEDULE GAME.

12) PROTESTS/UMPIRES: ALL UMPIRE CALLS ARE FINAL. NO PROTEST

13) BASE LENGTHS: 60 FEET

14) \$1 DONATION FOR LIGHTS: ALL COACHES SHOULD ENCOURAGED PARENTS TO MAKE A MINIMUM \$1 DONATION TO THE DONATION BOXES LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE GATES FOR ALL NIGHT GAMES. ** IF EACH FAMILY DONATES \$1 PER WEEK THAT WILL COVER COST OF LIGHTS **. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT WE TRIED TO KEEP THE LEAGUE FEES AT A MINIMUM FOR THIS LEAGUE. ANY DONATIONS ARE MUCH APPRECIATED.

15) ON DECK: ON DECK HITTERS SHOULD STAND ON THE OUTFIELD SIDE OF THE COACHES BOX. PLAYERS NOT ON DECK MUST BE IN THE DUG OUT WITH THE GATES SHUT.

16) LIGHTNING: IF LIGHTNING IS SEEN PLAY WILL BE STOPPED FOR 20 MINUTES FROM THE LAST SIGHT OF LIGHTNING. COACHES SHOULD MAKE DECISION ON WHETHER TO FINISH GAMES OR NOT. NOTE: IF GAMES IS SUSPENDED AND THEN RESUMED THE GAME TIME LIMIT IS STILL IN EFFECT. NOTE: LIGHTNING CAN TRAVEL UP TO 10 MILES - SAFETY SHOULD ALWAYS BE OUR #1 CONCERN.

17) COURTESY RUNNERS: YOU CAN USE COURTESY RUNNER FOR CATCHERS.. THIS IS NOT MANDATORY. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF TIME LIMITS ON GAMES IT IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO RUN FOR YOUR CATCHER WITH 2 OUTS. NOTE: THE POSITION OF CATCHER CAN PLAY A NORMAL CATCHER, OR STAND NEAR THE BACK STOP. ALL CATCHERS MUST HAVE COMPLETE SET OF GEAR ON.

18) RE-ENTRY: THERE IS FREE SUBSTITUTION FOR THIS LEAGUE.

19) COACHES SHOULD PROVIDE THE ANNOUNCING TABLE ROSTER WITH # BEFORE EACH GAME (FIRST AND LAST NAMES REQUIRED). THIS IS ONLY FOR GAMES PLAYED AT LENZ FIELD AND LENZ SPORTS COMPLEX FIELD #1

20) GAME BALLS WILL BE PROVIDED BY LENZ FIELD AND MUST BE RETURNED AT THE END OF EACH NIGHT. ***** ONLY ADULTS CAN GET FOUL BALLS HIT ONTO THE RAILROAD TRACKS @ LENZ FIELD! NO KIDS ALLOWED ON RAILROAD TRACKS.

21) PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR BASEBALL PANTS. NO PLAYING IN SHORTS OR JEANS ALLOWED!!

22) YOU CANNOT RUN ON DROPPED 5TH STRIKE. EACH TEAM HAS OPTION OF PUTTING A CATCHER IN GEAR BEHIND HOME PLATE OR HAVING A CATCHER STAND BEHIND THE HITTER NEAR THE BACK STOP TO ACT AS CATCHER ON PLAYS AT THE PLATE AND POP UPS. EACH TEAM SHOULD HAVE AN ASSISTANT COACH BEHIND THE CATCHERS AREA TO HELP SPEED THE GAMES UP.

23) IF THE BATTED BALL HITS THE MACHINE IT IS PLAYED LIVE. IF IT IS STUCK UNDER THE MACHINE OR THE UMPIRE FEELS THAT FIELDING THE BALL PUTS PLAYER IN DANGER, THEN PLAY IS DEAD AND BATTER IS AWARDED FIRST BASE. IF BATTED BALL HITS MACHINE ON THE FLY AND IS THEN CAUGHT IT COUNTS AS AN OUT.

24) ALL COACHES AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

CONDUCT CODE FOR COACHES AT LENZ FIELD (LEAGUE PLAY)

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