

Senior 15-U BASEBALL

PHILOSOPHY: Senior 15-U will be a league for boys. Emphasis is to be on participation and instruction in throwing, hitting, catching, pitching from a stretch position, base running and offensive & defensive strategy. Managers, coaches, & parents must be patient with players. Remember: you are out there for the children; they are not out there for you.

LEAGUE RULES: NO HITTING BALLS INTO FENCE

1. A team on the field consists of nine players (seven player minimum to start and/or end a game).
2. Players must be thirteen (13), fourteen (14), or fifteen (15) years old before May 1st of said season. A player shall not turn sixteen years old prior to May 1st.
3. Games will be six innings. All games will have a two hour time limit. No new inning can start after 2 hours from the start of the game.
4. Games will start at the scheduled time or five minutes after the conclusion of the previous game. For the first scheduled game of the night, 10 minutes grace will be allowed before a forfeit is called due to lack of players.
5. MERCY RULE: If a team is leading its opponent by 10 runs or more, after five innings played, the game shall be terminated and the team in the lead declared the winner.
6. No throwing the bat. If a batter throws the bat (more than five feet or hits the catcher) the batter will be called out.
7. Pitchers get five warm up pitches or a one minute time limit between innings. This includes the first inning. Pitchers can not wear light undershirts under uniform.
8. If the pitcher hits two batters in one inning or three during the game, he must be removed as a pitcher for the remainder of the game.
9. On the second trip to the mound in any one inning to the same pitcher, that pitcher must be removed from that inning. A 3rd trip to the mound for the same pitcher during a game will mean that pitcher is to be removed from the pitching position.
10. A pitcher who is removed from the pitching position can re-enter in the game as a pitcher just one additional turn. The additional turn cannot be in the same inning the pitcher was removed.
11. The pivot position of the pitcher must be in contact with the pitching rubber until the ball is released.
12. Pitching balks are to be called.
13. Pitching limits will be in effect for all games per MHSAA rules.

14. The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position.

Exception: If a pitcher reaches the limit for his/ her age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs. That batter reaches base. That batter is put out.

15. Each team will be responsible for tracking their pitcher's count (the umpire in the field will keep the official count and turn in with scorecard). Tracking sheets will be provided by the Recreation Department.
16. A pitcher may pitch up to seven innings per week. (Monday-Sunday). When a pitcher has pitched 4 or more innings, he must have a 3 day rest period beginning the next day.
17. All players must wear complete safety equipment including a cup for boys.
18. Each team can use free substitution. Each player must play at least two innings defensively. The catcher position may change only once per inning except for injury. A continuous batting order will be used.
19. A player batting out of order will be replaced by the correct batter. The correct batter will assume the count of the out of order batter.
20. A player that leaves the game early is not called out when their turn at bat comes up, batting order shall continue in the same continuous order. The manager must notify the other team when the player has left.
21. Umpires will not call a player out for missing a base unless the call is appealed by the opposing manager after time is called and before time resumes.
22. The distance between bases will be 90 feet. A 60' 6" pitching distance will be used.

PROCEDURES:

1. All bats must be approved by Parks & Recreation baseball program staff. All barrels must be 2 5/8" and follow Little League standards.
2. Prior to the start of the game, the starting pitcher should throw at least 15 minutes to warm up his arm.
3. It is recommended that a runner be used for the catcher.
4. Managers & umpires are required to sign the scorebook at the end of the game.
5. Home Team manager will be responsible for providing an umpire, if necessary. Visiting Team Manager will provide second umpire, if necessary.

6. Managers must maintain defensive player sheets and provide them to the Recreation department upon request.
7. Additional practices can be secured by permit.
8. All managers or coaches will return all equipment after the last game to a dept. representative inside the Pollard Park Pole Barn.

LEAGUE POLICIES:

1. Positive Cheering only. No comments are to be directed to opposing team or game officials.
2. Scores are kept in minor and major league levels. Scores and standings are kept at the 15-U level.
3. Players are not to wear jewelry or wrist bracelets of any kind.
4. No smoking, tobacco products, or alcohol allowed within 200 feet of any playing field.
5. No dogs are allowed on Township property. Only exception is at the park behind the Township Offices.
6. All "officials" practices and games are scheduled through the Parks & Recreation Department and are held at Township facilities unless otherwise noted on the official schedules.
7. Coaches are not to encourage or condone unnecessary roughness. Any player using unnecessary roughness will be called out and warned once per game. On a second occurrence, a player will be removed from the game. A second occurrence must be reported to the Parks & Recreation Department by the next business day. Additional penalties may be assessed.
8. A coach or manager who is ejected from a game will include a minimum suspension of 2 games with further review from department staff depending on infraction.
9. Coaches must return all equipment after the last game to a departmental representative.
10. In case of severe weather, cancellations will be posted by 4:30PM on our weather hotline. Hotline can be reached by dialing 586-949-0400, press 4, then 1. Cancellations will also be posted on our Department Facebook and Twitter pages.
11. In the case of severe weather that occurs after 4:30PM and prior to a practice/game time, cancellations will be determined by the league officials on the field at practice/game time. All players and coaches should report to the practice/game site.