

St. Johns Youth Baseball
Little League Rules

April 10, 2006

The playing rules for all games will be taken from the 2006 High School rulebook unless otherwise addressed in this document.

General:

- 1) The days and times for the games will be determined at the time of the schedule make-up. At the end of the regular season, a single game elimination tournament will be held. No league standings will be kept.
- 2) Games will have a one and one half (1 ½) hour time limit. No team is to take the field when there is five (5) minutes or less to go in the one and one half hour time limit. IF TIME ELAPSES, WHILE THE VISITING OR HOME TEAM IS BATTING, THEY Shall CONTINUE TO BAT AND FINISH THE INNING.
- 3) To start the game, the umpire will notify both benches of the start and stop time per his/her watch. It will be the responsibility of the coaches and umpires to make sure the games are kept moving. Coaches will get one warning after that a forfeit will be called. Tournament games will be seven (7) innings long. (NO time limit.)
- 4) . The Umpire in Chief will call inclement weather field conditions and may cancel games. Information concerning this matter may be obtained by calling 989 224-8374 after 3:30 p.m. or check our web site at (www.sjyba.com) “Rain outs” will not be made up unless the teams rained out reschedule the games with the Umpire in Chief.
- 5) The Board of Directors will maintain a rules committee.
- 6) The Home team will keep the official score book and maintain the scoreboard.
- 7) **Base settings will be: 70-foot base paths with 46 feet 6 inches from Home plate to the pitcher rubber.**
- 8) Make-up games will be the coaches’ option. The board will provide umpires for make-up games.
- 9) In case of LIGHTNING, a fifteen (15) minute postponement applies to all current games. All players MUST seek shelter (in vehicles). If after 15 minutes, the lightning has not subsided, wait an additional 15 minutes, for a maximum of 30 consecutive minutes. At that time a Board Member or senior umpire will call the games. If lightning returns after play has resumed, the 15-minute postponement starts over. The one and one half hour limit for the game will remain in force during the lightning delay. No extra time will be granted for the delay. The cancellation of an earlier game, due to lightning, does not necessarily cancel all later games. (This will not affect tournament games; they do not have a time limit.)

Games:

- 1) Formal protest, to include the tournament games, will not be allowed.
- 2) The strike zone shall be the width of the plate and from the batter's knees to the armpits, as the batter stands upright.
- 3) Once the fifth run of an inning has been scored, that half of the inning is over.
- 4) Balks will be called with no defense penalty. Umpires will stop the game to correct the penalty.
- 5) The batter remains out on a catcher dropped third strike. No throw to first base is necessary. **CHATTER OR TALK THAT IS DIRECTED AT ANY OPPOSING PLAYER IS NOT ALLOWED.**
- 6) ***NO INTENTIONAL WALKS WILL BE ALLOWED.***
- 7) **NO BAT RULE IN THIS LEAGUE I.E.WEIGHT VS LENGTH.**

Players:

- 1) LEAGUE HAT AND SHIRTS MUST BE WORN DURING ALL GAMES. LONG PANTS MUST BE WORN ON ALL SJYB FIELDS, DURING SANCTIONED GAMES AND PRACTICES. (Players not wearing long pants risk injury when sliding or making a diving play.) May the Board suggest that all players show some pride, for themselves and the league, and maintain a neat appearance. No watches or other jewelry will be allowed. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- 2) A player must wear batting helmets while he/she is in the on deck circle, batting, coaching a base, or while on base. CUPS ARE REQUIRED FOR CATCHERS (Cups are strongly recommended for all players.)
- 3) NO STEEL CLEATS ALLOWED.
- 4) Every player present for a game must play at least three (3) innings. No player participating in a game is to sit out two consecutive innings on the bench. Each player will bat in rotation. The batting order will remain the same unless a player is removed from the game due to injury or illness. Late arrivals must be placed in the last batting position of the original batting order. LATE ARRIVALS MUST PLAY. Managers are asked to notify the opposing team of any additions or deletions to their lineup.
- 5) There will be unlimited substitutions between innings.
- 6) Exception: Pitchers substations will be ruled with high school rule book.(See attached).
- 7) A team may field a maximum of nine (9) players on defense.
- 8) The pitcher must be replaced if the coaches or manager make a total of two (2) trips onto the field per inning.
- 9) After one out, the catcher may be replaced if he/she is a base runner. The pinch runner must be the player who made the last out. The intent is to keep the game moving.
- 10) If a base runner deliberately runs into a fielder, the umpire will eject him from the game. If a base runner does not slide on a close play, (umpires discretion), he/she risks being called out. This rule is for the player's safety.

- 11) A BASE RUNNER WILL BE CALLED OUT (AT THE END OF THE PLAY) IF AN UMPIRE SEES HE/SHE FAILS TO TOUCH A BASE.
- 12) Pitching rules 3 inning per game. One pitch constitutes an inning.
- 13) When the pitcher is on the mound, and has possession of the ball, the runners must be on the bases. (Note: Once a runner has been forced back to a base, or retreats in a manner that signals he/she is returning to a base, that runner's forward advancement will be considered stopped. Unless the fielding team throws the ball or otherwise makes an attempt to get the runner out, he/she must return to and remain on that base until a new play has begun. The umpire will call time out and order runners back to base if necessary.) Pitcher's foot must remain in contact with the mound through the release of the ball.
- 14) Catchers must wear headgear in practice and when warming up a pitcher during play or between innings. (PLEASE USE DISCRETION WHEN WARMING UP RELIEF PITCHERS. Do it in a safe area away from spectators and vehicles.)
- 15) If a pitcher intentionally throws a batter, (at umpires discretion) the pitcher will immediately be ejected from the game! If an umpire feels that a pitcher has lost control and is endangering batters the umpire can require the manager to remove the pitcher from the mound!
- 16) New catcher mask requirements will be enforced.

Managers/Coaches:

- 1) Coaches are encouraged to instruct their players in the basic fundamentals of baseball. (I.E. fielding, hitting, throwing, sportsmanship and team play.)
- 2) Physical and verbal abuse will not be allowed!
- 3) No tobacco products are allowed on the playing field or bench area.
- 4) No alcoholic beverages are permitted in the area. No one under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be permitted on the playing field or the bench.
- 5) All relevant complaints against a coach or manager should be addressed to the Board of Directors.
- 6) There will be no mercy rule. The managers are expected to use sportsmanship and courtesy in this matter. However, a game may be called through consensus of both teams. May the Board suggest, the team, which is performing poorly, be given the chance to bat extra times.
- 7) ***GOOD LUCK!!! And have fun.***

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