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MAJOR BOYS RULES (11-12)

Major Boys League Tournament hosted by Port Byron July 6th
All Star Tournament Erie Prophetstown July 13th-14th

IHSA RULES WILL BE USED WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS AND ADDITIONS:

GAME LENGTH:

1. Game shall consist of six innings if time allows. No new inning can start after 90 minutes of play unless both coaches / host town agrees. Umpire is the official time keeper and announces game start time at beginning of game.
2. Game is considered complete after 4 innings of play.
3. Game suspended for rain or other uncontrollable circumstance, before being a complete game, will be picked up where left off, at a rescheduled time agreeable to both coaches and host town. Only the umpire or host town may officially suspend play of the game.
4. 12 run rule after 3, 10 run rule after 4 and 8 run rule after 5 applies.

TEAMS:

1. A team must field 7 players to start the game. When playing with 7 players, the team will give up 2 outs when batting through the line-up. When playing with 8 players, the team will give up 1 out when batting through the line-up. The outs must be declared where in the batting order before the start of the game. If 7 players do not show up, it is a forfeit, but the game can still be played.
2. Each player must play the field twice and bat once per game. (if game is terminated by the 12 run rule, then every attempt should be made to accommodate this rule.)
3. Except for disciplinary reasons, no player may be substituted for or sit out while another player from a lower league plays.
4. The only players eligible to substitute are younger aged league players
5. Re-entry rule: A player in the starting line-up who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game but must reenter in the same position in the batting order given that the substitute has played 6 outs in the field and batted once.

PITCHERS:

1. Individual pitchers are allowed to pitch only 3 innings per game, max pitch count of 75 pitches per game regular league season(can finish the batter they are on), 85 pitches for all-star games**. One pitch constitutes an inning pitched. Once a pitcher is removed from pitching, he is done pitching for the game – he cannot return in later innings.
2. One 11 year old and first year player in majors must pitch a minimum of 1 inning (3 outs or 5 runs) within the first 4 innings of a game. (must be completed in one inning, not over two innings.) Can be more than one pitcher of correct age doing the inning's worth of work.
3. No curve balls allowed. Coaches should check this to prevent injury to the pitchers arm.
4. Dropped ball with foot on rubber or a stopped pitch is a called ball (warning first).
5. Players brought up to substitute from a lower league cannot pitch.
6. *****Pitch Count Recommendations*****
Up to 20 Pitches Requires No Days Off
21-35 Pitches 1 Day Rest
36-50 Pitches 2 Days Rest
51-65 Pitches 3 Days Rest
66+ Pitches 4 Days Rest

GROUND RULES:

1. Attempt to have field 180' or more. Bases will be 70'. Pitching distance will be 50'
2. Bats must meet the current USSSA or USA requirements and cannot exceed 33" in length and 2 3/4" in diameter. Using an illegal bat will be an out.
3. Any inning will be considered complete when either 3 outs have been made or 5 runs have been scored by the team at bat. The play is over when the 5th run crosses the plate unless an out of the park homerun is hit then all runs count.
4. All batters (including on-deck batter) and runners must wear helmets whenever they leave the dugout until the time they return to the dugout. This rule will be enforced, first violation will be a warning, and subsequent violations will be an out.
5. Catchers must wear their helmets and mask until ball is put into play and ALSO during pitcher warm up.
6. An overthrown ball that stays on the field of play, advance at your own risk. An overthrown ball that leaves the playing field, runner is awarded 2 bases from the time that the pitch was made.
7. Runner may attempt to advance on dropped third strike if ON third out; OR if first base is not occupied with LESS THAN two outs.
8. Infield fly rule will apply.
9. BASE STEALING:
 - a. Runners may not lead off until the ball reaches home plate. If a runner leaves the base too soon: 1) the umpire shall warn the coach on the first infraction; and 2) the runner is called out after the second infraction by the team.
 - b. There shall be no delayed stealing. If the runner has stopped and the pitcher gains control of the ball in the vicinity of the mound the runner must go back to previous base.
 - c. stealing of all bases is allowed (live plate)
10. Player must slide to avoid contact during play at any base. If the runner does not slide, an umpire may call the runner out for excessive contact or intended injury.
11. For majors only - an extra hitter (eh) may be used (optional) as long as he is declared (eh) at the beginning of the game. The (eh) may not play defense the entire game. If (eh) is removed for injury only, he may be replaced by another non-starter, only if this second player is not currently in game, who then also cannot play defense the rest of the game. First (eh) then cannot participate in rest of game. Breaking this rule is: affected player is out and ejected from game. Having to go back to 9 players in case of (eh) injury (only) is no penalty. Also -no designated hitters.
12. No jewelry will be worn during a game.
13. Regular league games can end in a tie.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

1. Managers and coaches are responsible for the sportsmanship and conduct of their team and fans.
2. There will be no swearing on the field by anyone.
3. Helmets and bats will not be thrown in anger; anyone doing so will be ejected from the game.
4. Shaking hands at the end of the game is required.
5. There will be no protests acknowledged with the Fulton-Erie-Albany-Port Byron-Prophetstown-Morrison – Tampico minor/major playing schedule. These games are designed for recreational fun, learning and experience. Enjoy the fellowship of our various communities and cheer all of the kids.

**No foul or abusive language from teams, coaches, or fans will be allowed and any continuous harassment of umpires, players, coaches, etc. will result in the following:
YOU WILL BE TOLD TO LEAVE THE PREMISES AND YOUR TEAM MAY HAVE TO FORFEIT THE GAME.
NO WARNINGS WILL BE GIVEN.**