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**MINOR BOYS RULES (9-10 year old)**

Minor Boys League Tournament – Port Byron July 6th  
All Star Tournaments Erie Prophetstown July 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

**IHSA RULES WILL BE USED WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS or 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 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.
3. 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. The team CAN consist of 10 players on the field (4 outfielders must play in outfield grass or a minimum of 15 feet behind the baselines). All team members will be in the batting order. The batting order must remain the same once the game has started, except for an injured player. If an injured player misses his spot in the batting order, it does not constitute an out (unless team has 8 players or less), however the player cannot play the rest of the game.
3. Can play with 9 players without taking an out.
4. Each player must play the field at least 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.)
5. Except for disciplinary reasons, no player may be substituted for or made to sit out while another player from a lower league plays.
6. The only players eligible to substitute are younger aged **league** players.
7. Minor Boys have free substitution in the field (except minor boys must meet pitching rules.)

**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 9 year old –who is also a first year player, 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. (highly recommended they play in outfield)

**\*\*\*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 60'. Pitching distance will be 46'
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. A missed or dropped third strike by the catcher, the batter is out.
8. Stealing will be allowed: live plate all season. 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. There shall be no delayed stealing. If the runner has stopped forward progress, the runner must go back to previous base.
9. 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.
10. Infield fly rule will apply.
11. No jewelry will be worn during a game.
12. 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.**