

Montville Baseball Softball Association

8yr old - BASEBALL RULES

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MBSA

LET'S KEEP IT FUN FOR THE KIDS!

SPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

Only supportive type noise from team members is permitted. No derogatory remarks or harassment of opposing players, coaches and umpires is permitted. Continued violation of this rule could result in forfeiture. Spectators must also conform to this rule and it is up to the managers, coaches and umpires to ensure compliance.

Any rule disputes must be discussed in a proper fashion by opposing managers and umpires away from fans and players. An umpire should not have to discuss their calls with spectators. Umpires are not to be challenged on any judgment call.

Any use of foul and/or abusive language by anyone on or off the field will result in immediate ejection from the game and playing field. The matter will be reported to the Board of Directors with possible penalty of suspension or expulsion from the League.

MANAGERS AND COACHES MUST SET PROPER EXAMPLE FOR ALL PLAYERS BY MAINTAINING COMPOSURE AT ALL TIMES REGARDLESS OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

NOTE: MANAGERS AND COACHES MUST FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH ALL PLAYING RULES.

ALL MANAGERS AND COACHES MUST BE N.Y.S.C.A. CERTIFIED.

MANAGERS RESPONSIBILITIES

- (1) Responsible for the health, safety and conduct of your team at any scheduled event.
- (2) Check that the playing field is in good condition. Coaches are responsible for ensuring the field is in a safe condition before play begins.
- (3) Make sure that each team member leaves field properly escorted.
- (4) Ensure that all trash is placed in trash cans or removed from the field
- (5) Act as an interface between your team and their parents to the rest of the league. Managers should have a team meeting with all parents before the start of the season to ensure they understand the code of conduct.
- (6) To provide leadership, training, and game control for members of your team.
 - (a) To make sure that pre-season practices are held.
 - (b) To follow the in-season schedule.
 - (c) To schedule practices during the season (pending field availability)
- (7) Obtain, disperse & collect team playing equipment and uniforms. Turn in any broken equipment for replacement.
- (8) Expected to participate and help get team parents involved in an occasional special situation as league needs arrive. (Pre-season Field Clean-up and 4th of July Parking)
- (9) All managers and coaches must have an understanding of all league rules and regulations.
- (10) Report any injury to the Director of Baseball immediately and file accident report.
- (11) Convey to your team members an attitude of good sportsmanship.

LEAGUE COORDINATOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- (1) Secure Managers for the upcoming season.
- (2) Create teams based on registration and divide as much as possible by elementary school
- (3) Ensure all coaches are certified
- (4) Act as primary liaison between the league and the division
- (5) Create a call-up list of players that will be used by the 9yr old division if they are short players. The call-up list should contain the names of the top 2 players per team, selected by the coach, who are capable of playing at the next level. Players will be contacted by the 9yr old coordinator if the need arises. *Being placed on the call-up list does not guarantee that the player will be called-up.*
- (6) Communicate any violations of MBSA rules or code of conduct to the Lower League Coordinator and Director of Baseball
- (7) Distribute & monitor all fund raising efforts & assignments for division managers.

SECTION I - GENERAL RULES

1. Home team must take dugout/bench along first base line, visiting team along third base side.
2. Only certified coaches and/or uniform players are permitted in dugout/bench area and coaching boxes. Only 3 coaches are permitted in dugout/bench area.
3. Tobacco is not permitted at any field.
4. Steel spikes may not be worn.
5. Swearing by any player, manager or coach shall be reported to the Director of Baseball. Players can not play while under school suspension. Any child ejected must be reported and will be required to sit a game.
6. No convenience schedule changes will be allowed unless authorized by the Board of Directors.
7. Postponed games will be rescheduled as soon as feasible and/or permitting by the league.
8. All players not playing in the game must be seated on the bench and not engaged in foolish play. No food is allowed in the bench area.
9. Only one player is allowed to swing a bat on deck. This player must be under a coach's supervision.
10. To start a game, a team must have at least eight players unless agreed by both coaches.
11. All teams are subject to free substitution every game.
12. All players attending a game must be put in a numerical batting order that will be followed throughout the game.
13. Games are 6 innings, however, no new inning shall start more than 1:45 after the scheduled start time. The next game will start no later than 15 minutes after the completion of the preceding game.

SECTION II – Playing Rules

1. Hard Baseballs will be used.
2. Distance from the front of the pitching plate to the back edge of home plate shall be 46 feet.
3. Bases are to be placed 60 ft. apart.
4. No leading (no pick-off plays); runner must not leave base until ball is hit.
5. All players must wear helmets when batting and when on deck.
6. Kids will pitch from the beginning of the season. A pitcher can pitch only one inning per game. A pitcher can only pitch 5 pitches per batter. After 5 pitches the coach of the batting team should continue to pitch to the batter until the batter puts the ball into play or strikes-out (3 strikes).
7. The coach of the hitting team should be positioned behind the pitcher. The coach should call strikes for any pitch that is hittable. There are no walks.
8. Players who make an out during the inning should return to the bench.
9. An inning shall constitute 3 outs or 9 batters, which ever occurs first. The coach of the batting team should announce the 9th batter. Play will stop when an out is made regardless of how many outs there were when the 9th batter started his at bat.
10. Stealing is not permitted.
11. Bunting is not permitted.
12. Play stops when the pitcher has the ball in the infield.
13. No overthrows or advancements.
14. Sliding is permitted.
15. All team members shall play the field. Extra fielders must be on the outfield grass. The infield must remain intact (i.e. there should not be 2 players each infield position). The infield should include a pitcher. Changes to positions can be made at anytime during the game.

16. Batter must not recklessly throw the bat. Coaches should reinforce this to those batters who are throwing the bat after hitting the ball.
17. Defensive teams may have two instructional coaches on the playing field. They should position themselves on the edge of the outfield grass and the outfield. If this causes confusion, managers may agree to keep coaches off of the playing field
18. Infield fly rule shall be waived.
19. Score is not kept at this level.
20. Players/Coaches should line-up and shake hands after each game.