

Montville Baseball Softball Association

7yr 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 coaches and umpires to ensure compliance.

Any rule disputes must be discussed in a proper fashion by opposing coaches 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.

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

**NOTE: COACHES MUST FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH ALL PLAYING
RULES.**

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

COACHES 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. Coaches 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 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 Coaches 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) Communicate any violations of MBSA rules or code of conduct to the Lower League Coordinator and Director of Baseball
- (6) Distribute & monitor all fund raising efforts & assignments for division coordinators.

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, 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 Director of Baseball.
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 play around the bench. Food is not 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 actual start time of the game. The next game will start no later than 15 minutes after the completion of the preceding game.
14. All Players MUST wear heart-guards while pitching, regardless of age level or ability. Head Coach(or acting Head Coach) will be ejected from the game should a pitcher deliver a single pitch to a batter and pitcher is not wearing a heart-guard.

SECTION II – Playing Rules

1. Soft Training Baseballs will be used.
2. Bases are to be placed 60 ft. apart
3. All players must wear helmets when batting and when on deck
4. Coaches will pitch to players. It is recommended that coaches either kneel down or sit on a bucket when pitching.
5. There are no strike-outs or walks. However, if a player can not put the ball in play after 5 pitches the coach should toss the ball underhand or soft-toss the ball so the player can put the ball in play.
6. No leading (no pick-off plays); runner must not leave base until ball is hit.
7. Players who make an out during the inning should return to the bench.
8. An inning ends after all players bat. The coach of the hitting team should announce the last batter. Play will stop when an out is made.
9. Stealing is not permitted.
10. Bunting is not permitted.
11. Play stops when the pitcher has the ball in the infield.
12. No overthrows or advancements at any base.
13. Sliding is permitted feet first only.
14. 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.
15. Batter must not recklessly throw the bat. Coaches should reinforce this to those batters who are throwing the bat after hitting the ball.
16. 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.
17. Infield fly rule shall be waived.
18. Score is not kept at this level.
19. Players/Coaches should line-up and shake hands after each game.