

Ridgefield Boro Athletic Organization

Minor League

Rules of Play:

1. Game score will initially be kept. If a ten (10) run difference occurs score keeping will stop.
2. The pitching machine will be used for the first three (3) innings and a pitcher for the last three (3) innings. The pitching machine may be eliminated sooner if both managers agree.
3. Either the 40-foot pitching rubber or the standard 45-foot rubber can be used to pitch from.
4. After four consecutive walks, the pitcher must be changed.
5. A batter that is hit by a pitch counts as a consecutive walk. The batter must make an attempt to avoid getting hit by the pitch (umpires call). No intentional walks are allowed.
6. Pitchers must follow the established Little League pitch count rules. The starting pitcher can re-enter the game as a pitcher after he or she has given up four walks.
7. Catchers must wear a protective cup
8. An inning is over when there are three outs or one time around the entire batting order, whichever comes first. Must play a continuous batting order of all players on roster.
9. A player may steal only when the ball is caught by the catcher or if dropped right in front of the catcher. If ball gets by catcher or goes off to the side of catcher then runner can't steal.
10. Stealing home is not permitted or going home on a steal from 2nd to 3rd with an overthrow, runner must remain on 3rd. No head first sliding.
11. The game is six innings, if home team is "winning" after top of sixth, the score is final however bottom of inning is still played, time permitting.
12. There is a 2-hour time limit. If game starts at 5:30 and a major league game follows, then the game must stop 15 minutes prior to the major league game. Ex. 7:15 in most cases.
13. No extra base on an overthrow when stealing. Only one base on any other overthrow. For example: ground ball to third, the ball is overthrown to first, runner goes to second, and then the ball is overthrown to second trying to get the runner. The runner does not go to third. If the play can be made on the first overthrow, then fine, but the runner cannot advance any further than one base.
14. One bunt per player per game.
15. All players must play the field at least two innings.
16. Jewelry of any form is not permitted.

17. Chewing gum is not permitted on the playing field or in the dugout.
18. Absolutely no yelling or arguing from players, coaches or parents. One warning and then the player, coach or parent will be ejected.
19. All coaches must be Rutgers certified to be on the field or in the dugout. A maximum of three coaches are allowed in the dugout. No parents or children other than the players are allowed in the dugout area or on the field. All gates must be kept closed.
20. No food in the dugout including sunflower seeds. No soda only water or Gatorade allowed. No ball throwing or bat swinging allowed in the dugout. While there are players in the dugout there must be at least one coach in the dugout.
21. When batting all players and coaches must be confined to the dugout except the coach helping the batter. Only the on-deck batter can be in the on-deck area and must not swing a bat. All equipment must be kept within the dugout and not in the on-deck area or flowerbeds.
22. All players must be in uniform, which includes game hat, pants, and shirt.
23. Rule changes can only be made and approved by the R.B.A.O. President and Council.

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