

## 2014 GENERAL RULES FOR 11 YEAR-OLD PROGRAM

### (In addition to the Cal Ripken rule book)

1. 6 innings is a regulation game, but fewer innings may be played in the case of a time restraint
  1. No inning can start more than 2 hours and 10 minutes after game start time
  2. Games must end 2 1/2 hours after start time
  3. Home team (established by the schedule) will occupy 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout at Glander 2.
  4. Each team will provide one baseball at the start of the game, but the ultimate responsibility for providing clean baseballs lies with the Home team
2. The batting order will consist of all players (running order).
3. 9 players will play in the field (3 outfielders). Outfielders must play a minimum of 10 feet from the back edge of the infield. A player may not be benched for two innings until every other player has been benched for one inning (second benching may be in the same inning that a player is benched for first time).
4. A team may play with 8 Players. The other team should supply a right fielder (which player shall be the last player to make an out, or the last batter in the order for the first inning). If a team only has 7 players, then it is a forfeit. \*\*\*Teams can only use a player from their opponent. \*\*A team cannot call a player from a team that is off or already completed play\*\*\* Right Fielder will come from the opponent.
5. We will be deviating from the Cal Ripken Innings rule as it pertains to pitching. We will be utilizing a pitch count format. **See Below.**
6. Each player must play the infield for a minimum of 2 innings and Players may not play more than two innings at any one position. Except pitcher and catcher. **See Below.**
7. Stealing is permitted (incl. Home) unless a team is leading by 7 or more runs. Runners may still advance on wild pitches regardless of score.
8. There are no restrictions on overthrows, unless the ball is out of play. Runners may advance at their own peril.
9. Teams will bat until three outs have been recorded.
10. There is no mercy rule.
11. Balks are called. 1st offense is a warning, subsequent offenses result in awarding the runner(s) a base. Umpires may use discretion for “minor” infractions.
12. No slash bunting
13. The infield fly rule is in effect.
14. Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike is in effect. The batter becomes a runner when the third strike called by an umpire is not caught, providing (1) first base is unoccupied or (2) first base is occupied with two outs.
15. SAFETY:
  1. Helmets must be worn by hitter and on deck batter
  2. On deck hitters may not swing a bat, unless in a secured area
  3. NO PARENTS IN DUGOUTS OR BACKSTOP AREA

## **2014 GENERAL RULES FOR 11 YEAR-OLD PROGRAM PITCH COUNT FORMAT**

### **MAXIMUM PITCH COUNTS BY LEAGUE AGE:**

- 11U 65 PITCHES per outing

### **PITCHERS REST REQUIREMENTS:**

- IF A PLAYER Throws 51-65 PITCHES IN A DAY, THREE (3) CALENDAR DAYS OF REST MUST BE OBSERVED. ex. Throw Sat OFF SUN/M/Tue Can pitch W
- IF A PLAYER Throws 36-50 PITCHES IN A DAY, TWO (2) CALENDAR DAYS OF REST MUST BE OBSERVED. ex. Throw Sat OFF SUN/M Can pitch Tue
- IF A PLAYER Throws 21-35 PITCHES IN A DAY, ONE (1) CALENDAR DAY OF REST MUST BE OBSERVED. ex. Throw Sat off Sun Can pitch Mon
- IF PLAYER Throws 1-20 PITCHES IN A DAY, NO (0) CALENDAR DAY OF REST IS REQUIRED.

### **PITCHER-CATCHER RULES:**

- 1.A pitcher that has thrown 41 OR MORE Pitches in a game CANNOT BE MOVED TO CATCHER IN THAT GAME.
- 2.A PLAYER THAT HAS BEEN IN THE CATCHER POSITION FOR FOUR (4) OR MORE INNINGS IN A GAME IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO PITCH IN THAT GAME.

\*If A PLAYER has thrown 30+ pitches in an inning...it is recommended that that pitcher does not go out for another inning of work.

\*Counts for players that pitched are to be emailed to the division director after each game.