

BASEBALL LEAGUE RULES

13-14 BOYS

Revised 5-16-17

- **AGE:** 13 – 14 Participants cannot be 15 before June 1st of the season in progress.
- **BASE DISTANCE:** 90' Tonganoxie Only; All Others 80'
- **PITCHING DISTANCE:** 56'6" Tonganoxie Only; All Others 54'
- **TIME LIMIT:** 1 hour and 45 minutes DROP DEAD, regardless of score/inning, etc..

MUST PLAY/PARTICIPATION

1. There will be a maximum of 9 players at all times. Minimum of 7 players to begin a game.
2. There will be NO automatic outs for teams playing shorthanded.
3. All players must play at least two complete innings on defense unless the game concludes in less than 4 innings. Breaking this rule will result in a forfeit. **EXCEPTION:** Players on disciplinary action may not be required to play. They must be reported to the official scorekeeper, umpire, and opposing manager before the game begins. If not done, that player must play.
4. There will be free substitution on defense providing each player plays two complete innings.
5. A ½ inning consists of three (3) outs or five (5) runs.

PITCHING

1. There are no pitching limitations. Coaches are encouraged to use common sense when scheduling pitchers.

BATTING

1. All players present will bat in the batting order.
2. If a player shows up after the game has started, he will be added to the bottom of the roster.

RUNNING

1. No bulldogging allowed. All runners must slide or attempt to avoid contact when a play is being made on them.
2. Dropped third strike rule is in effect.
3. If a catcher reaches base safely, a courtesy runner may be used for them at any time. The courtesy runner will be the last batter who is NOT on base, but has completed their turn at bat.

SPECIAL RULES

1. 45 minutes played will constitute a game if it is stopped due to any reason.
2. Run Rule: There is NO RUN RULE. All games will be 1 hour and 45 minutes DROP DEAD. When 1 hour and 45 minutes of playing time has elapsed, the game will be declared over immediately, regardless of score or inning.
3. Catchers MUST wear an athletic cup while in the field. All other players are STRONGLY encouraged to wear an athletic cup at all times.
4. No steel cleats will be allowed.
6. **Negative chanting or bantering by players, coaches or spectators directed towards opposing team/players; including player position, calling out player numbers or player names will not be tolerated. Positive cheering of own team and players is encouraged. PENALTY: One warning per game, second infraction coach ejected, third infraction game forfeited.**