

## **Major League Rules**

### **Warrendale 2017**

- 1.** One manager and a maximum of two coaches on the bench during the game.
- 2.** Base coaches can be: two players (wearing helmets), one player and one adult coach, two adult coaches.
- 3.** Catchers must wear the protective helmet and safety equipment.
- 4.** Players must not harass the opposing players in any way. Violation may result in a forfeit.
- 5.** All players are to remain in the dugout area with only one player on deck at a time.
- 6.** All equipment must be in the dugout area.
- 7.** The slide rule will be enforced: a runner is out if he does not slide or attempt to avoid colliding with a fielder who has the ball. This is an umpire's decision.
- 8.** There are no balks called.
- 9.** Runners cannot leave the base until the pitch is past the batter. 1<sup>st</sup> violation will be a warning issued, and 2<sup>nd</sup> violation will be an out.
- 10.** Catcher's interference will be called.
- 11.** A player cannot argue with the umpire, he/she will be ejected.
- 12.** Players cannot throw bats, helmets, etc. They will be ejected.
- 13.** Players must be in full uniform with shirts tucked in. Jackets are not allowed over jerseys, but sweatshirts are allowed under the uniform.
- 14.** A play may be protested only before play resumes.
- 15.** The infield fly rule will be enforced.
- 16.** Rescheduled games are to be played on the following Saturday or Sunday whenever possible.
- 17.** Game cancellations before a game starts are to be made by a board member. After the game has started, it is at the discretion of the umpire.
- 18.** No one may pitch more than 6 innings in a calendar week (Monday through Sunday). One pitch thrown in an inning constitutes a full inning pitched.
- 19.** A pitcher must have two calendar days rest between pitching assignments if he/she pitches more than two innings in any one game.
- 20.** Pitching eligibility in effect for re-scheduled and make up games goes in accordance to the calendar week in which the games are played.
- 21.** There is no re-entry of pitchers to pitch again in that same game once they are removed from pitching.

22. No Curve balls or any other pitch other than fast balls and change ups are allowed. The first one thrown will get a warning and is declared a non pitch unless hit into play after which the play can continue, and any thrown thereafter will be called a ball.
23. Innings thrown in games that are not completed due to rain count against a pitcher's innings for that week.
24. The catcher must be in the catcher's box behind the plate when the pitch is thrown, so no stepping out to accept pitches as in an intentional walk attempt before the pitch is thrown.
25. Prior to Weekday games, visiting team will use the field for warm-ups from 4:45-5:05, and home team from 5:05 till 5:25.
26. The home team is responsible for conditioning the field after each game and each team is responsible after its practice. It is necessary to groom the batter's box, catcher's box, pitcher's mound and the infield in order to maintain the field after each use.
27. The coach of the team that wins the game will report the score to the webmaster or website, and either coach can report a tie.
28. **Only the manager or acting manager from a team is permitted to discuss a play, question a rule interpretation, etc with an umpire. Additionally, any such discussion must be done in the presence of the manager/ acting manager of the opposing team. Care must be taken by both managers to keep such discussions extremely low key, non-confrontational, and non-intimidating or otherwise made in any way as to influence the umpire's calls. The umpire has the right to remove any unruly player/coach/fan. Any person removed will be subject to a one game ban from the park. Repeated violations will result in that person being banned from the league. Please refer to the attached Code of Conduct.**
29. Every player must play at least 3 innings and bat once in every regular season game. If a player does not get his at bat because of his team did not bat in the bottom of the 6<sup>th</sup> or because of slaughter rule or rain, there is no penalty to the coach, but he is expected to make sure that player starts the next game.
30. Mercy Rule: We use a 10 run after 4 complete innings mercy rule. It is not optional. If the coaches decide to complete the game, the mercy score is still the final score.
31. Call ups: I will circulate a list of potential call ups from Minors. If you use a call-up, he/she cannot play any more innings than any of your regular players from your team, i.e. a minor call up cannot play 6 innings while your regular player plays 3. Call ups are ineligible to pitch.
32. During the regular season, each team bats their entire team and has free substitution on defense. A team in the regular season is permitted to play with at least 8 players, and borrowing a player of the opposing team's coaches' choice to have 9 players in the field, but the borrowed player may not bat or pitch for the team is he borrowed to play on. A

team must forfeit the game if they have less than 8 players at game time at the discretion of the umpire.

- 33.** Bats are restricted to 2 ¼" drop 10 maximum one piece bats. No composite or nitrogen filled bats. Bat must read that it is approved for play in little league. (This is not the case for city tournament play, where only rule is that the bat must still read approved for play in little league and be 2 ¼" barrel.
- 34.** Team rankings will be based on a point system, 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie. Tie breakers for rankings are to be done by head to head records first, and if still even, the second tie breaker is the lower number of runs scored against the team at the point in the season the rankings are to be determined. The third tie breaker will be the number of runs scored by each team at that point.
- 35.** If a game is played more than 4 complete innings in the regular season, but play is stopped before the home team has a chance to bat in the bottom of the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> innings, then the score will be reported as what it was at the end of the last completed inning. For example, if the visiting team takes the lead in the fifth inning, but the inning is not completed due to whatever reason such as rain, the score will revert back to the score at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning and be reported as the final score. If the 4<sup>th</sup> inning is not completed, and the visiting team is ahead, then the game will need to be rescheduled to start from the beginning.
- 36.** For player safety, no player may play in a game while wearing a cast, medical brace, or medical boot, unless first approved by the Board
- 37.** For any situation not outlined here, the rules will defer to the established rules of Cal Ripken Baseball.