

# PLEASANT HILL BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

## BOYS BASEBALL – INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE (AGE 5-6)

### 2018 Season

2018 OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULES will apply with the following exceptions and/or clarifications:

#### GENERAL PHBA RULES:

1. All games will have a one and one half (1&1/2) hour time limit. All weekday games begin at the scheduled time. A new inning begins immediately following nine batters. No new inning will start after one and one half (1 1/2) hours of play for any/all games (including weekend games). Once a new inning is started within the one and one half (1&1/2) hour time limit, the inning will be played to completion, unless called in accordance with Rule #9. The one and one half (1&1/2) hour limit pertains to **starting** a new inning, not **finishing** the inning once it has been started.
2. No score or standings are kept for the Instructional League.
3. The team roster for all teams will be set on Roster Night. Players will be removed from the roster for the following reasons:
  - a) Player experiences a season ending injury
  - b) Player becomes automatically ineligible when he/she participates in another league during the PHBA season
  - c) Player moves out of town
  - d) Player officially quits in writing for personal reasons
  - e) Player is removed from the league for disciplinary reasons.

Extra/Late Sign-up/New players after Roster Night will be placed on a league waiting list as replacement players, and will enter the league on a first registered/first opening basis. Replacement players can only be added to team rosters from the waiting list by approval of the Head Commissioner or his/her designee.

4. One team will be designated the HOME TEAM for each game. Both Home and VISITING TEAMS are responsible for the preparation of the field. Each team will be scheduled as the HOME TEAM approximately one half of the games so no team has an undue advantage.
5. No practice on lined fields until (20) minutes before game time. Each team is allowed ten (10) minutes practice prior to the start of the game (time permitting). In the event the field is not ready twenty (20) minutes before the game, practice time available will be equally split between the two teams.

6. Each team must have a minimum of seven players throughout the entire game.
7. The Home Team Manager must call a game because of any unsafe playing conditions such as, but not limited to: darkness, foul weather, and rain. Applicable to all PHBA playing fields: "Darkness" will be determined as 10 minutes after published sundown time for that day. A listing of sundown times will be posted on the PHBA website as well as the Snack Shack window. Managers have no discretion in regard to this rule.
8. No game will be rescheduled, except for bad weather or unsafe playing conditions. All rescheduling will be done at the discretion of the League Commissioner.
9. No one may stand behind the backstop unless bleachers are positioned there.
10. No Manager, Player, Substitute, Coach or Batboy shall at any time, whether from the bench, the coach's box or on the playing field, or elsewhere:
  - a) Incite, or try to incite, by word or sign a demonstration by spectators.
  - b) Use language which will in any manner refer to or reflect upon opposing players, managers, coaches or any spectator.
11. No fielder shall take a position in the batter's line of vision, and with deliberate unsportsmanlike intent, act in a manner to distract the batter. PENALTY: the offender shall be removed from the game and shall leave the playing field.
12. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & SMOKING ARE NOT ALLOWED in the playing or spectator area. Smoking and/or chewing tobacco by a Manager or Coach is not allowed during practice or a game.
13. No player will be allowed to play with steel spikes. Rubber cleats may be used.
14. Each player must play a minimum of two (2) innings, six (6) defensive outs, within the first four (4) innings of each game. No player may play the same defensive position more than twice in any one game. EACH PLAYER MUST PLAY AT LEAST ONE INNING IN BOTH THE INFIELD AND OUTFIELD WITHIN THE FIRST THREE (3) INNINGS OF EACH GAME. The Manager will bat every player present (whether playing defensively or not), through the complete roster, in every game. Managers may be suspended for violating this rule.
15. Players must remain in the same batting order during the entire game.

16. All team members, Managers and Coaches must be in the dugout area. The only exceptions are the hitter, the on-deck player, and the two (2) base line coaches. Absolutely no swinging of bats outside the on-deck circle or the batter's box is allowed. The batter and on-deck player must wear helmets and remain in their appropriate designated areas. Two designated adults from the defensive team may be on the field during play to coach the defense, provided that each person:
  - a.) Stays in the outfield.
  - b.) Does not distract the batter.
  - c.) Does not interfere with the play of the game.
17. When a defensive player is attempting to make a play on a runner at any base including home, unless the runner is sliding, the runner will be called out if they **intentionally** collide with the defensive player.
18. Any player removed from the game by their Manager may re-enter during a natural break in play.
19. Protests are not allowed in the Instructional League.
20. The HOME TEAM Manager of each game must pick-up and return the bases at Pleasant Oaks Park after the end of each game OR remain with said property until the next home team manager arrives at the playing field.

#### **BOYS INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE (AGE 5-6) EXCEPTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS:**

21. Runners may **NOT** lead off.
22. Stealing is **NOT** allowed.
23. Sliding is allowed.
24. Head first slides are **NOT** allowed.
25. Infield fly rule does not apply.
26. Runners may **NOT** advance on **ANY** overthrow to **ANY** base.
27. In general, base runners move only one base per hit.
28. As the year progresses, if managers agree prior to the start of the game to allow extra base hits, then the runners stop at the approaching base when the ball returns to any part of the infield.
29. Bunting is **NOT** allowed.
30. All batters must wear batting helmets. Facial protection is optional.

**HITTING RULES:** This is a Coach Pitch/Tee Ball league with the following conditions:

31. The manager/coach of the team at bat shall throw a maximum of 5 pitches per batter. If a fair ball is not hit in those 5 pitches, the manager/coach will set the tee out for the batter to complete the at-bat.
32. There are no strike outs.
33. When the ball is hit it is the responsibility of the manager/coach to stay out of the way of the defensive players.
34. The infield will consist of a defensive pitcher, catcher, shortstop, first, second and third base persons, playing their respective positions. The infield may **NOT** crowd the batter.
35. All remaining players should be spread out in the outfield. No players remain on the bench. All outfielders must be positioned at least ten (10) feet beyond the base path.
36. When batting, each team shall bat their entire roster. After the last batter of the home team has completed his turn at bat (per inning), the inning shall be over. **OUTS ARE NOT COUNTED.**

**DUGOUT RULES:**

37. **ONLY** managers, coaches, and team parent volunteers with PHBA ID badges (must have badge on person) and players are permitted in the dugout or on the playing field. **No exceptions.**