

# PLEASANT HILL BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

## BOYS BASEBALL – INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE (AGE 7)

### 2018 Season

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

#### GENERAL PHBA RULES:

1. All games will have a 90-minute time limit. All games official start time is the scheduled game time, even if you do not start on time. A new inning begins immediately following the completion of each team batting their entire roster or if the defense records three outs; whichever occurs first. No new inning will start after 90 minutes of play for any/all games (including weekend games). Once a new inning is started within the 90-minute time limit, the inning will be played to completion, unless called in accordance with Rule #7. The 90-minute limit pertains to **starting** a new inning, not **finishing** the inning once it has been started.
2. Rosters for all teams will be set on Draw 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-ups/New players after Draw 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.

3. 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. The HOME TEAM will occupy the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) base dugout; the VISITING TEAM will occupy the first (1<sup>st</sup>) base dugout. The VISITING TEAM will practice first prior to each game.

4. No practice on dragged fields until 20 minutes before game time. Each team is allowed 10 minutes practice prior to the start of the game (time permitting). In the event the field is not ready 20 minutes before the game, practice time available will be equally split between the two teams.
5. Each team must have a minimum of seven players throughout the entire game.
6. Five (5) innings shall constitute a regular game or the completion of the inning after 90 minutes from the start of the game.
7. Team Managers 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. Not every cancelled game may be made up.
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. No player should sit out consecutive innings.
15. Players must remain in the same batting order during the entire game

16. All team members, managers and coaches, wearing their current season PHBA badge, must be in the dugout area. The only exceptions are the hitter, the on-deck player, a coach pitching to their players, and the two (2) base coaches; one on first base and the other at third base. 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.
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 Intermediate League.
20. Bases should be 55 feet apart.

#### **BOYS INTERMEDIATE 7 LEAGUE 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 advance one extra base on an overthrow into the out of play area: one base in addition to the base the runner was approaching.
27. The maximum number of bases a runner can advance on each batted ball as a result of an overthrown ball is one - REGARDLESS of the numbers of overthrows. An overthrow is defined as when the ball gets reasonably past the recipient who is at a base. The play is considered "over" once the ball is in the possession of an infielder within the diamond. If the runner is past the halfway mark, they may proceed to that base only at their own risk.
28. Bunting is NOT allowed.
29. During field preparation, a line will be marked on each baseline, one half the distances between the bases. If play is stopped by the pitcher or any infielder touching the ball, runners will be allowed to advance to the next base at their **own risk** provided the runner has passed the applicable halfway mark. If the runner has not passed the applicable halfway mark, the runner will be required to return to the previous base. No further play may be made on the runner returning to the previous base!

30. All batters must wear batting helmets.

31. Teams are encouraged to keep score, but no scores will be posted in the league and no standings kept in Boys Intermediate 7.

**PITCHING RULES:** This is a manager/coach pitch league with the following conditions:

32. The manager/coach of the team at bat shall pitch to his/her own team.

33. The manager/coach can pitch from a standing or kneeling position and the manager/coach must be within a couple feet of the pitching rubber.

34. Each batter will receive five pitches. If after five pitches, the batter does not put the ball in play, they are out. No tees are used in Intermediate 7.

35. If the batter fouls off the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch, he is allowed to continue his at bat.

36. There are no walks or hit batters.

37. When the ball is hit, it is the responsibility of the manager/coach to stay out of the way of the defensive players. If the ball hits the manager/coach, it is still in play.

38. 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.

39. The outfield will be left, center and right fielders and one rover (optional) who must stay in the outfield. All four (4) outfielders must be positioned at least ten (10) feet beyond the infield base path. Extra players beyond the 10 on the field must be subbed and play the requisite number of innings and positions per Rule #14.

40. Each half of an inning is over after the offensive team has completed batting their entire roster or recorded three outs. The last batter of each roster will have finished his turn when he arrives safely at the base of play or is made out by a defensive play or strikeout. The final hitter on each roster does not "hit a homerun" at each at bat. Players arriving after the start of any game must be added to the end of the batting roster.