

2009 Pinelands Fall Ball League

Cal Ripken Majors (Ages 10-11)

Rules and Regulations 50/70

Rev #4

All Pinelands Fall Ball Baseball games will be played in accordance with the Cal Ripken Division of Babe Ruth Baseball rules with the following clarifications and exceptions:

1. Batting

- A. Batting helmets must be worn at bat and as base runners.
- B. All rostered players present for the game shall bat in a continuous, fixed rotation whether playing defensively or not. A player's position in the batting order can NEVER be changed.
- C. Bunting is allowed.
- D. An injured player will not be counted as an out in the line-up if he is removed from the line-up. This player can not re-enter the game without agreement of the opposing coach.

2. Pitching / Catching

- A. A pitcher may pitch (3) innings per game.
- B. If a pitcher delivers (1) pitch in an inning, that pitcher will be charged with (1) inning pitched. Once a pitcher is removed from the mound he cannot return to the mound.
- C. If a balk is called, the umpire will stop play, explain the balk incident, and play will resume with runners at original base. (Instructional league). One warning per pitcher per inning.
- D. A player may catch up to (4) innings maximum per game. 6 in Tournament play.

3. Fielding

- a) All players MUST play three (3) full innings in the field and enter by the third inning.
- b) A game can be played with (8) players.
- c) Any team may add up to two (2) players from other fall teams to field a team and avoid a forfeit. This must be addressed before the start of the game with the opposing manager. The SUBS shall not play the positions of catcher or pitcher during the game and must bat at the bottom of the lineup.
- d) A fielder is **not allowed** to fake a tag at a base or home plate that would cause a base runner to slide unnecessarily when the fielder does not have a play on a base runner. The fielder at the discretion of the umpire will be ejected from the game for causing a dangerous play.
- e) The fielder is not allowed to block the baseline or home plate when there is not a play at that base or on the base runner. The fielder at the discretion of the umpire will be ejected from the game.
- f) The infield fly rule is in effect and is a judgement call and will be determined by the umpire.
- g) A dropped 3rd strike is not an automatic out. The runner must be either successfully thrown out or tagged prior to reaching the base. If there are less than two outs first base must not be occupied.

4. BASE RUNNERS

- A. Stealing is allowed including home.
- B. Base leading is permitted.
- C. When a defensive player is in possession of the ball or is about to receive the ball, the runner is obligated to avoid malicious collision with that player. If in the umpire's judgement the runner impact with the fielder is malicious he shall be called out, and the umpire can in their own discretion eject the runner from the game. In either case, the ball is dead at the point of the collision and no runner may advance beyond the base occupied at the point of contact. This is a judgement call by the umpire and as such, is not grounds for protest by either team.

- D. NO head first sliding when a base runner is advancing to the next base, including home. Violation of this rule will result in an automatic out.

5. RE-ENTRY

- A. Free defensive substitution will be permitted.

6. GAMES

- A. There will be a 6 run limit per half inning. EXCEPTION: If an over the fence home run or ground rule double forces in runs beyond the 6 run limit, the balance of the runs will count. 6 runs per inning is WAIVED for the last inning. If daylight will not permit the playing of 6 full innings, the managers MUST DECLARE IN ADVANCE the waiving of the 6 run limit for whichever inning is to be the last inning. All regular season games will be six (6) innings. No extra innings will be played if the teams are tied. The game will end in a tie.
- B. Standard 10 run mercy rules will apply after 4 completed innings of play.
- C. Starting time for all evening games will be as scheduled. The game is forfeited 15 minutes after the scheduled start time of any game if the opposing team fields less than 8 players or does not show.
- D. No new inning will start after 2 hours.
- E. The home manager is responsible for notifying the visiting team of cancellations due to inclement weather, etc. at least one (1) hours prior to the start of the game. **The home team manager will also notify the umpire association at least one (1) hours prior to the scheduled start of the game.**
- F. The home team manager will notify the Fall Ball Commissioner to re-schedule any cancelled or postponed games. (Sunday afternoon should be the first choice) not notifying the commissioner can result in forfeiture of the security deposit.
- G. The home team will occupy the dugout located on the first base line. The visiting team will occupy the dugout located on the third base line.
- H. Each team will supply two (1) new baseballs for each game.

7. PROTEST (Tournament Rule)

A. **There will be no protest for judgment calls by the umpires.** The Team Manager may protest any other incident. The protest procedure is for the Manager to sign the Home team Score book and indicate the reason(s) for the protest. The Home manager must contact the Fall Ball commissioner or designee. The Baseball Directors for both teams will meet, discuss, and determine a fair and equitable solution. (Protest process is for the Tournament, season games do not count.)

8. SUSPENSION RULE

- A. 1ST unsportsmanlike incident. Players sit out remainder of game and the next game on the bench. A manager or coach must leave the playing field for that game.
- B. 2nd unsportsmanlike incident. Players sit out the remainder of the game and the next game on the bench. A manager or coach must leave the playing field for that game and will not be permitted to attend the next game.
- C. 3rd unsportsmanlike incident. Players, Managers, or Coaches will be suspended for the remainder of the playing season.

Please Note: All unsportsmanlike incidents MUST be reported to the Fall Ball Commissioner within 24 hours of the occurrence for disposition. Any Player, Manager, or Coach has the right to appeal the suspension to the Fall Ball Commissioner within 24 hours.

9. FIELD PROCEDURES

- A. The home team is responsible for lining the field and placing the bases.
- B. The home team will have possession of the field for warm-up for (10) minutes, (30) minutes before the start of play. The visiting team will have possession of the field for warm-up for (15) minutes, (20) minutes before the start of play. The home team will then

take the field (5) minutes before the start of play for the final warm-up. It is important that the game starts on time.

- C. All players must remain inside the enclosed dugout. Only the on-deck batter is permitted outside this area and **must** wear a batting helmet.
- D. It is **mandatory** that **both teams police the dugout** and the surrounding area upon completion of the game.
- E. It is **mandatory** that **both teams** fill, rake, and tamp down the pitchers' rubber area and home plate area following every game.

LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

- A. At the end of the season a tournament will be played to determine the Fall Ball Champion.
- B. Each team will supply two game balls. Each team will be billed for half the umpire fees.
- C. Trophies will be given to the first place and the second place teams. Each team in the league will be assessed a fee for trophies.
- D. Seeding for the play-offs will be a blind draw.
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- F. All players will have full eligibility at the start of the playoffs (pitching and catching). In the playoffs, no pitcher shall be allowed to pitch in more than three (3) innings in any tournament game two (2) successive playoff games (3 + 3 innings). Catchers may catch 6 innings.
- G. Per pitcher; no warning on a balk, first balk is enforced.
- H. Brackets will be available by September 30th. Bracket will be listed on the New Egypt website. www.newegyptbaseball.com .

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