

**2010 BRUNSWICK YOUTH SPORTS
MAJOR LEAGUE (11-12 YEAR OLDS) BASEBALL PLAYING RULES**

A. FIELD DIMENSIONS

1. BASE PATH DISTANCE: 65 FEET
2. PITCHER'S MOUND TO HOME PLATE: 50 FEET 6 INCHES

B. GAME RULES

A REGULATION GAME WILL CONSIST OF SEVEN (7) INNINGS. A TIE GAME AFTER SEVEN COMPLETE INNINGS CAN CONTINUE IF WEATHER AND DAYLIGHT PERMIT, AND IF TIME ALLOWS CONTINUATION. **ALL** GAMES ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS WILL HAVE A TWO (2) HOUR TIME LIMIT. NO NEW INNINGS CAN BE STARTED AFTER ONE (1) HOUR AND FIFTY (50) MINUTES ON A SCHEDULED 2-HOUR GAME. GAMES SCHEDULED ON WEEKDAYS ARE TO BE PLAYED UNTIL THE GAME IS COMPLETED: NO TIME LIMIT SHALL BE IMPOSED.

2. GAMES HALTED SHORT OF 4 ½ COMPLETE INNINGS PLAYED DUE TO WEATHER OR DARKNESS WILL BE RESCHEDULED AND RE-STARTED AT THE EXACT PLACE WHERE THE GAME HAD LEFT OFF PRIOR TO BEING HALTED.
3. IN THE EVENT A GAME MUST BE "CALLED" DUE TO SUDDEN INCLEMENT WEATHER OR DARKNESS, AS DETERMINED BY THE HEAD UMPIRE, IT SHALL BE CONSIDERED AN OFFICIAL GAME IF FIVE (5) INNINGS ARE COMPLETED (FOUR AND ONE HALF [4-1/2] INNINGS IF THE HOME TEAM IS AHEAD). IF A GAME IS CALLED DUE TO TIME LIMIT, THE GAME WILL BE CONSIDERED AN OFFICIAL GAME, REGARDLESS OF INNINGS PLAYED.
4. AN INNING SHALL CONSIST OF THREE (3) PLAYER OUTS.
5. IF AFTER FIVE INNINGS, FOUR AND ONE-HALF (4-1/2) IF THE HOME TEAM IS AHEAD, AND ONE TEAM HAS A LEAD OF 12 RUNS OR MORE, THE TEAM MANAGER OF THE TEAM WITH THE LEAST RUNS MUST CONCEDE THE VICTORY OF THE OPPONENT.
6. EACH TEAM WILL FIELD NINE (9) PLAYERS. A GAME WILL BE FORFEITED IF A TEAM CANNOT FIELD EIGHT (8) PLAYERS AND ONE COACH AT GAME TIME. IF A TEAM CAN ONLY FIELD

8 PLAYERS, THE 9TH SLOT IN THE ORDER WILL NOT BE RECORDED AS AN OUT. IF A TEAM STARTS THE GAME WITH 9 OR MORE PLAYERS AND A PLAYER LEAVES THE GAME FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN INJURY OR ILLNESS, THE BATTERS FOLLOWING THE DEPARTED PLAYER WILL MOVE UP IN THE ORDER 1 SLOT, AND THE LAST SLOT IN THE ORDER WILL BE RECORDED AS AN AUTOMATIC OUT.

7. ALL PLAYERS MUST PLAY A MINIMUM 3 CONSECUTIVE INNINGS WITHIN THE FIRST 6 INNINGS OF THE GAME. ANY ATTEMPT TO BYPASS THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN A FORFEIT OF THE GAME BY THE GUILTY TEAM. THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS ALLOWED ARE AS FOLLOWS:
 - a.) A PLAYER WHO ARRIVES AFTER THE GAME BEGINS DOES NOT HAVE TO PLAY IN THE GAME; IT WILL BE LEFT TO THE COACHES DISCRETION.
 - b.) A PLAYER BECOMES INJURED OR ILL AND MUST LEAVE THE GAME.
 - c.) A GAME IS POSTPONED OR ENDS EARLY DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, DARKNESS, MAXIMUM RUN RULE, OR TIME LIMIT REACHED.
8. THERE MUST BE A COACH AT FIRST AND THIRD BASE. IF A FAN MUST BE USED, THEY MUST BE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE.
9. FREE SUBSTITUTION DURING A GAME IS ALLOWED EXCEPT FOR A BASE RUNNER, UNLESS INJURED. IN THE CASE OF A REPLACEMENT IT SHOULD BE THE INDIVIDUAL WHO COMMITTED THE PREVIOUS OUT.
10. THE CATCHER MUST WEAR FULL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING FACE MASK, WHILE RECEIVING A PITCHED BALL. THIS INCLUDES WARM-UP PRACTICE ON AN OFF THE FIELD.
11. THE INFIELD FLY RULE SHALL APPLY. THE INFIELD FLY RULE STATES THAT A BATTER IS OUT WHEN A FAIR BALL CAN BE CAUGHT BY AN INFIELDER WITH ORDINARY EFFORT, WHEN FIRST AND SECOND OR FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD BASES ARE OCCUPIED, BEFORE TWO OUTS ARE MADE. THE BATTER IS OUT AND THE BALL IS LIVE AND RUNNERS MAY ADVANCE AT THEIR OWN RISK AS A RESULT OF THE BALL BEING CAUGHT AND/OR DROPPED.

METAL CLEATS ARE NOT ALLOWED.

NO JEWELRY IS PERMITTED EXCEPT FOR MEDICAL ID'S.

14. **BOTH TEAMS** ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REPORTING THE FINAL SCORE AND ALL OUTS PITCHED BY ALL GAME PITCHERS FROM **BOTH TEAMS** TO THE LEAGUE COMMISSIONER WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE GAMES COMPLETION. IF THERE IS A DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE REPORTS OF BOTH TEAMS AND IT CANNOT BE SETTLED AFTER DISCUSSING IT WITH BOTH COACHES, THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT WILL GO TO THE HOME TEAM SCOREKEEPER, WHO IS THE OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER FOR THE GAME.
15. THE HOME TEAM IS THE FIRST TEAM LISTED ON THE SCHEDULE AND HAS THE DUGOUT ON THE FIRST BASE SIDE OF THE FIELD. THE HOME TEAM (AS MENTIONED ABOVE) IS ALSO THE OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER.

C. BASEBALLS

1. ALL TEAMS MUST USE THE GAME BALLS PROVIDED BY THE LEAGUE COMMISSIONER. THE HOME TEAM MUST PROVIDE THE OFFICIAL GAME BALL. THE VISITING TEAM MUST PROVIDE A SUITABLE BYS LEAGUE OFFICIAL BACK-UP BALL. FAILURE TO USE THE OFFICIAL BYS LEAGUE BASEBALL MAY RESULT IN GAME FORFEITURE BY THE GUILTY TEAM.

D. PITCHING AND DEFENSIVE RULES

1. A PITCHER MAY EITHER USE THE WINDUP OR SET POSITION. BALKS WILL NOT BE ENFORCED.
2. A PITCHER **MAY** RETURN TO THE MOUND AFTER HE HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THAT POSITION. THIS CAN BE DONE AFTER THREE (3) OUTS EXPIRE AND CAN ONLY HAPPEN ONCE A GAME PER PLAYER.
3. COACHES MAY VISIT THE PITCHING MOUND TWICE PER PITCHER PER INNING. THE THIRD VISIT WILL REQUIRE THE PITCHER TO BE REMOVED FROM THE MOUND.

PITCHERS WILL RECEIVE A 4 PITCH WARM UP UNLESS A NEW PITCHER

ENTERS THE GAME; HE/SHE WILL RECEIVE 8 PITCHES.

A PLAYER MAY PITCH A MAXIMUM OF 21 OUTS PER 7-DAY WEEK, AND THE PITCHING WEEK RUNS FROM MONDAY TO SUNDAY. THE DAYS REST LISTED ON THE NEXT PAGE MUST ALWAYS BE FOLLOWED. FAILURE TO ADEQUETLY REST THE PLAYER OR PITCH ONE MORE OUT THAN ALLOWED AT ANY TIME WILL RESULT IN GAME FORFITURE AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION FROM THE LEAGUE COMMISIONER. REPEATED FOULS WILL LEAD TO PLAYER AND COACH SUSPENSION.

IF A PLAYER	PITCHED LESS THAN 12	PITCHED 12 OR MORE OUTS
PITCHED ON AND	OUTS CAN PITCH AGAIN	CAN PITCH AGAIN ON
MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
TUESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY	SUNDAY
THURSDAY	SATURDAY	MONDAY
FRIDAY	SUNDAY	TUESDAY
SATURDAY	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY
SUNDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY

IN A DOUBLE/TRIPLE PLAY SITUATION ALL OUTS WILL BE CHARGED TO THE PITCHER. THE PITCHER AND TEAM WILL NOT BE PENALIZED IF THE PLAY PUSHES THE PITCHER BEYOND HIS/HER AVAILABLE OUTS LEFT TO PITCH, BUT MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE GAME IMMEDIATLEY IF THE PLAY CONSUMES THE BALANCE OF THE PITCHERS AVAILABLE OUTS.

ANY DEFENSIVE PLAYER HAS THE RIGHT TO BLOCK A BASE OR HOME PLATE IF THE FIELDER HAS THE BALL IN HIS POSSESSION. HOWEVER, IF A FIELDER ATTEMPTS TO BLOCK A BASE OR HOME PLATE AND DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION OF THE BALL, THE FIELDER WILL BE CALLED FOR OBSTRUCTION AND THE RUNNER SHALL BE CALLED SAFE.

E. BATTER'S RULES

ALL PLAYERS SHALL BAT IN A PRE-DETERMINED ORDER EVEN THOUGH NOT IN THE FIELD LINEUP AT THE TIME. A PLAYER ARRIVING LATE SHALL BE PLACED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BATTING ORDER.

ONLY APPROVED LITTLE LEAGUE BATS ARE PERMITTED. BATS MAY NOT BE MORE THAN 33 INCHES IN LENGTH AND NOT MORE THAN 2-1/4 INCH DIAMETER. ANY ILLEGAL BAT MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE GAME IMMEDIATELY. NO SOFTBALL BATS: THEY MUST BE APPROVED FOR BASEBALL (LITTLE LEAGUE, T-BALL, ETC.) USE ONLY.

ALL PLAYERS MUST WEAR PROTECTIVE HEAD GEAR WITH A SECURED CHIN STRAP WHILE AT BAT AND ON THE BASES.

BASE RUNNERS MAY NOT LEAD OFF BASE. THEY MUST STAY ON THE BASE UNTIL THE BALL PASSES HOME PLATE. AT THE TIME THE BALL PASSES HOME PLATE THE RUNNER MAY STEAL AT HIS OWN RISK. IF A RUNNER LEAVES THE BASE EARLY IN HIS ATTEMPT TO STEAL, HE WILL BE CALLED OUT. STEALING WHILE THE PITCHER HAS THE BALL **AND** IS STANDING ON THE PITCHING RUBBER, OR IS IN THE PITCHING MOTION IS NOT PERMITTED.

BASRUNNERS ARE PERMITTED TO USE THE ORANGE "SAFETY BASE" LOCATED AT FIRST BASE AS WELL AS THE NORMAL WHITE FIRST BASE. HOWEVER, FIELDERS ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO USE THE NORMAL WHITE FIRST BASE DEFENSIVELY: THEY MAY NOT USE THE ORANGE SAFETY BASE. IF A FIELDER USES THE ORANGES SAFETY BASE FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSES, THE RUNNER SHALL BE CALLED SAFE AND AWARDED FIRST BASE.

HEADFIRST SLIDING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED INTO ANY BASE. A PLAYER WILL BE CALLED OUT IF THE PLAYER HEADFIRST SLIDES INTO A BASE. HOWEVER, A BASE RUNNER IS PERMITTED TO "DIVE" BACK TO THE BASE ONLY IF THE RUNNER IS WITHIN A REASONABLE SHORT DISTANCE TO THE BASE HE IS RETURNING TO. THIS WILL BE AT THE UMPIRE'S DISCRETION.

THE BATTER MAY **NOT** PROCEED TO FIRST BASE ON A DROPPED THIRD STRIKE.

NO BAT DONUTS OR NONATTCHED WEIGHTS MAY BE USED FOR BATTER WARMUPS. NO METAL PIPES MAY BE USED FOR BATTER WARM UPS.

BATTING OUT OF ORDER: ANY PLAYER WHO BATS OUT OF THE ORDER GIVEN TO THE SCOREKEEPERS BEFORE THE START OF THE GAME WILL BE CALLED OUT **IF** THE INFRACTION IS DISCOVERED BEFORE THE FIRST PITCH TO THE NEXT BATTER. ALL RUNNERS SHALL RETURN TO THE BASE THEY OCCUPIED BEFORE THE ILLEGAL AT-BAT. HOWEVER, IF A BATTER BATS OUT OF ORDER BUT IS FOUND TO DO SO **BEFORE** HE REACHES BASE MAY BE REPLACED WITH THE CORRECT BATTER, AND

THE CORRECT BATTER WILL ASSUME THE CURRENT BALL/STRIKE COUNT. IF A PLAYER BATS OUT OF ORDER, REACHES BASE, AND ONE OR MORE PITCHES HAVE BEEN THROWN TO THE NEXT BATTER, THE OUT OF TURN BATTER MAY **NOT** BE CALLED OUT, AND PLAY SHALL CONTINUE AS NORMAL.

THERE IS NO "SLIDE OR GIVE UP" RULE. HOWEVER, IF A RUNNER ELECTS TO SLIDE, THEY MUST SLIDE LEGALLY (FEET FIRST) INTO A BASE OR HOME PLATE WITH NO MALICIOUS CONTACT. SOME EXAMPLES OF MALICIOUS CONTACT ARE USING ONE, OR BOTH FOREARMS, A KNEE, OR A PUSH WHERE THE HANDS ARE EXTENDED TO KNOCK THE CATCHER DOWN. IF ANY MALICIOUS CONTACT OCCURS, THE RUNNER SHALL BE CALLED OUT AND IMMEDIATELY EJECTED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE GAME. MALICIOUS CONTACT IS DECIDED AT THE UMPIRES DISCRETION.

F. GAME PROTESTS

1. IN CONJUNCTION WITH OHIO SCHOLASTIC BASEBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS, BYS SPORTS WILL NOT ALLOW PROTEST OF ANY GAMES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

G. PLAYER SELECTION AND DRAFT PROCESS

1. A MANAGER WILL FORFEIT HIS SECOND ROUND DRAFT PICK TO RECEIVE HIS/HER CHILD ON THE TEAM THEY VOLUNTEER TO COACH. THIS RULE ONLY APPLIES TO COACHES WHOSE CHILD IS NEW TO THE 11-12 BOYS PROGRAM AND/OR NOT ALREADY CURRENTLY ON A TEAM.

ALL BROTHERS/SISTERS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE ADDED TO THE ROSTER OF THE SIBLINGS TEAM, AND THAT TEAM IN QUESTION WILL LOSE ITS LAST AVAILABLE DRAFT PICK.

ALL REGISTERED PLAYERS, (EXCLUDING COACHES CHILDREN), MUST ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN "TRYOUTS" PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL PLAYER DRAFT SELECTION. SHOULD A PLAYER ELECT NOT TO OR IS UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEDULED TRYOUT, HIS/HER NAME WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY ENTERED INTO AN AGE APPROPRIATE SELECTION BOWL.

PRIOR TO PLAYER TRYOUTS ALL COACHES WILL BE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING;

THE CURRENT APPROPRIATE LIST OF RETURNING PLAYERS TO THEIR

TEAM ROSTER.

A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL REGISTERED 11/12 YEAR OLD PLAYERS AVAILABLE IN THE DRAFT.

THE SPECIFIC NUMBER OF 11 AND 12 YEAR OLD SELECTIONS THEIR TEAM MAY DRAFT. (TO MAINTAIN AS MUCH AGE BALANCE ON EACH TEAM AS POSSIBLE.)

TEAM DRAFT SELECTION ORDER, WHICH WILL BE BASED ON THE PREVIOUS YEARS FINAL RECORD AT SEASONS COMPLETION. TEAMS WILL DRAFT IN THE REVERSE ORDER OF HOW THEY FINISHED THE REGULAR SEASON. HOWEVER, ALL NEW TEAMS WITHOUT A PREVIOUS SEASON HISTORY WILL DRAFT 1ST, 2ND AND SO ON. A COIN FLIP WILL DETERMINE WHAT ORDER THEY MAY BE IN SHOULD A TIE EXIST.

PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL DRAFT, ALL COACHES WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A LIST OF ALL AVAILABLE REGISTERED PLAYERS THAT DID NOT ATTEND TRY OUTS. THESE PLAYERS WILL BE PLACED IN THE BLIND DRAFT BOWL. COACHES MAY PULL BLINDLY (NOT KNOWING WHOM THEY MAY BE SELECTING AT THE TIME) FROM THE BOWL AT ANY TIME DURING THE LEAGUE DRAFT.

EACH TEAM MAY DRAFT ANY REGISTERED PLAYER THAT ATTENDED TRYOUTS, IN ANY ROUND, AND AS LONG AS THEIR TEAM HAS THE APPROPRIATE AGE AVAILABILITY OF 11/12-YEAR OLDS REMAINING ON THEIR TEAM.

NO TRADES OF PLAYERS MAY TAKE PLACE AT ANY TIME.

ALL TEAMS MAY BE ASSIGNED ADDITIONAL PLAYERS BY THE LEAGUE COMMISSIONER AFTER DRAFT COMPLETION IF NECESSARY. TEAMS WILL BE ASSIGNED PLAYERS BY NEED IN THE CASE OF SOME TEAMS HAVING LESS PLAYERS THAN OTHERS, OR IN THE CASE OF ALL TEAMS HAVING AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF PLAYERS, PLAYERS WILL BE ADDED BY DRAFT ORDER.

H. FINAL SEASON TOURNAMENT

A SINGLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SEASON'S FINAL GAME. ALL TEAMS (AL & NL) WILL PARTICIPATE AND WILL BE SEEDED BY THEIR FINAL SEASON WINNING PERCENTAGE. HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITION WILL BE THE TIE BREAKER. A COIN FLIP WILL DETERMINE SEED IF HEAD TO HEAD PLAY CANNOT. THE WORLD SERIES WILL BE A BEST OF 3 SERIES.

PITCHING PARAMETERS WILL REMAIN EXACTLY THE SAME FOR DAYS REST. OUTS PITCHED WILL BE EXPANDED TO 27 OUTS PER WEEK.

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