

KIMBERTON YOUTH ATHLETIC LEAGUE
Rules of Play
Baseball – A Division

All games shall be played according to the OFFICIAL LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL RULES, (1.00 through 10.22), with all exceptions noted on the following pages:

I. BATTING:

- A. All rostered players present for the game shall bat in order, whether playing defensively or not.
- B. There will be no bunting.
- C. Batters must wear approved protective headgear while at bat and on base as a base runner. Deliberate refusal to obtain and wear approved protected headgear while at bat or while on base will result in ejection from the game.
- D. Strikes will be called. Three complete misses of the ball constitutes a strikeout.
- E. Balls will be called, but walks will not be issued.

II. BASE RUNNING

- A. There will be no stealing.
- B. Leading off the base is not permitted.
- C. A batter that hits the ball into the outfield grass, on the fly, may attempt only two (2) bases.
- D. A batter that hits a ground ball that goes to the outfield may only attempt one (1) base.
- E. A base runner, on base when a batter hits the ball on the fly to the outfield grass, may attempt to advance a maximum of two (2) bases. The bases will not be automatically awarded to the base runner.
- F. A base runner, on base when a batter hits the ball on the ground, may only attempt one (1) base.
- G. A base runner may not advance on an overthrow by a defensive player at any base. The ball is declared dead at the point of the overthrow.
- H. Head first sliding, into any base, is not permitted. A base runner attempting to slide into a base headfirst will be call out immediately, no exceptions.
- I. Use of approved protective headgear while on base is a requirement. Refer to I.C. above.
- J. In order to prevent injuries and protect the defensive player attempting to make a play on a base runner, contact with the defensive player must be avoided by sliding and/or veering off to one side. If the base runner does not slide or make a valid effort to avoid contact with the defensive player, then the base runner will be call out immediately. Contact is defined as; if the base runner remains on their feet and makes, any type of contact with the defensive player holding the ball or while in the process of getting the ball, to apply a tag.
- K. **If contact is made, the umpire must warn both benches and must make a determination as the intent and severity of the contact. If in the judgment of the umpire, the act is determined to be flagrant, the base runner will be ejected from the game immediately. If the act is determined to be at the instruction of the manager or coach, the manager and coach will be ejected from the game immediately. Such an occurrence must be brought to the**

attention of the Executive Board of KYAL. The Executive Board will determine further suspension and or removal from the league.

- L. As referenced in other sections, the intent of Single A division play within KYAL is to teach baseball fundamentals. Thus, when a base runner is called out, they will leave the field of play. They will **not** remain on the base.

III. GAME

- A. No championship game will be played or trophies awarded, by KYAL, for this division. This is an instructional division designed to teach the game and develop sportsmanship.
- B. Starting time for all games will be as scheduled.
- C. Games are limited to one, (1), hour and fifty, (50), minutes on weekdays.
- D. A regulation game is five, (5), innings. Even in the event of a tie after regulation, no extra innings are played.
- E. The offensive team will only be permitted to score a maximum of five, (5), runs in any one-half inning. In the event the sixth, (6th), run scores and the ball is still in play, play will continue until the play is over. If more than six, (6), runs are scored, (i.e. 7 or 8), only five, (5) runs will count.
- F. Runs scored during uncompleted innings will not count. The final score will be that of the last complete inning.
- G. The home team will be responsible for the official scorebook. The intent of keeping a scorebook is to assure that all players have met the innings played requirement as specified in section IV.
- H. The official scorebook must be available upon request of the Baseball Commissioner, League President, Vice President or any member of the Executive Board.

IV. FIELDING

- A. A maximum of nine, (9), defensive players are on the field at any one time, including a catcher.
- B. Each player present must play a minimum of four, (4), defensive innings.
- C. Substitutions must be made by the second, (2nd), defensive inning.
- D. Free substitution is encouraged, thus giving the manager the ability to substitute players in and out of the game. However, the minimum requirement of four (4) defensive innings for each player **must** be met.
- E. No player shall be removed from the game during a defensive half of the inning for any reason other than sickness or injury. A bathroom break is considered a temporary sickness.
- F. Outfielders must play a minimum of twenty-five, (25), feet on the outfield grass until the ball is hit.
- G. No player shall be permitted to play more than one (1) defensive innings at the same position in any given game. With the exception of 1st Base, where a player may play a maximum of two (2) defensive innings during a game. However the innings **cannot** be consecutive.

V. PITCHING

- A. At the A Division level of play it is the intent of KYAL to develop an understanding of baseball fundamentals. A designated pitcher shall be utilized at all times.

- B. The designated pitcher, DP, must be a minimum of 18 years of age unless approved by the Baseball Commissioner or League President. The DP is not a defensive player.
- C. A defensive team member, the pitchers' helper, must play inside circles to the left or right of the pitchers mound. There will be only one pitchers' helper.
- D. The D.P. must pitch from within 10' 0" of the pitching rubber.
- E. Throwing the ball to the D.P. stops play, but base runners between bases will be allowed to proceed to the base they are in route to. The play will then be called dead.

VI. EQUIPMENT

- A. Throwing of equipment is extremely dangerous and damaging to equipment and cannot be condoned. The throwing action will be an umpire's judgment call. The penalties will be as follows:
 - 1. Throwing or the bat while at bat:
 - First time, Batter gets a warning.
 - Anytime thereafter; the Batter is called out, dead ball rule applies, (*Little League Rule; 5.09D*).
 - 2. Throwing of the batting helmets:
 - First time, Batter gets a warning.
 - Anytime thereafter, automatic ejection, no exception.
 - 3. Throwing of any equipment by other players, coaches or managers in any area will result in immediate ejection.
- B. Any player preparing to play the position of catcher is required to wear approved protective headgear with throat protector, catcher's mask, chest protector, shin guards, protective supporter and cup. If a player refuses to wear the above referenced protective equipment, they will not be permitted to play the position of catcher.
- C. Any player warming up a pitcher is required to wear the approved protective equipment listed above in VI.B.

VII. Umpiring

- A. The managers of the two teams playing the game are responsible for umpiring of the game.
- B. It is suggested that the manager/coach/adult who is the designated pitcher be responsible for calling the balls and strikes and the base coaches, first and third, be responsible for making the calls at the bases. The first base coach will be responsible for first and second base and the third base coach will be responsible for third base and home plate.

VIII. Miscellaneous

- A. The managers are responsible for the conduct of their fans.
- B. Uniforms are to be collected after the last game.
- C. All managers will advise team players and their parents of availability of Batter Chest protectors for their use.

IX. Tournament Play

A. There will be no tournament play for this division.

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