

**KIMBERTON YOUTH ATHLETIC LEAGUE**  
**Rules of Play**  
**TBall Division**

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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. All batting will be from a tee.
- 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. The home team coaches will be responsible for drawing an arc 15'-0" from home plate that runs from foul line to foul line. A batted ball hit of the tee must travel past this arc to be ruled in play. If the ball fails to go beyond the arc the ball will be ruled foul.
- E. There are no strike outs.

II. BASE RUNNING

- A. There will be no stealing.
- B. Leading off the base is not permitted.
- C. A batter and base runners may only advance one base on each hit.
- D. 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.
- E. Head first sliding, into any base, is not permitted. A base runner attempting to slide into a base headfirst may be call out, at the discretion of the manager.
- F. Use of approved protective headgear while on base is a requirement. Refer to I.C. above.
- G. 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.
- H. **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.**

### 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 sportsmanship.
- B. Starting time for all games will be as scheduled.
- C. Games are limited to one, (1), hour and thirty, (30), minutes.
- D. A regulation game is five, (5), innings. Even in the event of a tie after regulation, no extra innings are played.
- E. At the discretion of the managers, the game maybe shorted to accommodate the players' ages and attention span. However, the games at a minimum must be played for three (3) full innings, were each team bats three (3) times.
- F. The offensive team will bat the entire team. The last batter, along with those left on base will be permitted to complete their trip around the bases. It is recommended that the batting order be reversed each inning, i.e. 1 through 9, then 9 through 1.

### IV. FIELDING

- A. It is recommended that all the players are placed on the field during their teams defensive portion of the inning. Extra players may be location at various locations as determined by the manager. However a minimum of three (3) players must play in the outfield. It is suggested that additional player, more than nine(9), be spread out in the outfield.
- B. If the manager decides to not place all of the players in the field as preferenced above in itel IV. A. then each player present must play a minimum of four, (4), defensive innings. **Substitutions must be made by the second, (2<sup>nd</sup>), defensive inning.**
- C. No player shall be removed from the game during a defensive half of the inning for any reason other than sickness or injury. Bathroom breaks are acceptable.
- D. Infielders are to play beyond the base paths. They are permitted to move up once the ball has been hit in play.
- E. Outfielders must play a minimum of five, (5), feet on the outfield grass until the ball is hit.
- F. No player shall be permitted to play more than two (2) defensive innings at one position in one game.
- G. A coach or coaches may be stationed behind the infielders. Instruction of correct defensive play is encouraged.
- H. At the manager's option, free and unlimited substitution will be permitted, when all requirements described in IV. B. are met.

### V. 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.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. The managers are responsible for the conduct of their fans.

**These rules were reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors on 12/19/00. These rules have been revised and approved on 3/14/05 and 3/14/08.**

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