

2019 MUSCATINE YOUTH BASEBALL LITTLE LEAGUE

General Rules

1. Arrangements should be made in advance of all games & practices for emergency medical services.
2. No games or practices should be held when weather or field conditions are bad, particularly with lightning.
3. At no time should "horse play" be permitted on the playing field.
4. Responsibility for keeping bats & loose equipment off the field of play is assigned to a designated player, the team's manager or coach.
5. During practice & games, all players should be alert and watching the batter on each pitch.
6. A player must play in 1/2 of the regular season games in order to pitch in the end of season tournaments.
7. On the completion of games, Managers and Coaches from both teams shall be responsible to reinstall tarps on the mounds. If you are the final game of the night, cover the field.
8. After your final game of the year (after tournament completion) you must turn in all equipment immediately.
9. Home team manager shall email muscatineybscores@gmail.com and post on GroupME the results of each game including pitch count. This will ensure that everything is correct and the standings are kept up to date on muscatinebaseball.com.

Safety & Equipment

1. Any and All injuries must be reported to the Safety Officer as soon as possible. First Aid kit is available in the coded shed. Inform the Safety Officer if items are used in order to replace.
2. Players who require glasses are encouraged to wear "sport safety glasses"
3. Players must not wear watches, rings, pins, etc. during practices or games.
4. Heart Guards are mandatory for all pitchers in Majors and Central Divisions.
5. Equipment should be inspected regularly to maintain proper condition and fit.
6. Batters must wear Little League approved protective helmets during all practices and games.
7. Minors/Central: Require a facemask
8. Major/Junior/Senior: a facemask is optional
9. Catchers must wear: catchers helmet with a throat guard, chest protector, shin guards, and protective cup at all times during practices and games. NO EXCEPTIONS: Managers are responsible prior to allowing a child to play in this position!
10. Managers & Coaches are NOT permitted to warm up pitchers before or during a game, this must be done by the players, utilizing a protector/monitor during the game.
11. Minors/Central/Majors: Head first sliding is not permitted except when a runner is returning to the base.
12. Junior/Senior: Head first sliding is permitted.
13. Minors/Central/Majors: There is no on deck batter
14. Junior/Senior: Batter may be on deck. Only one on deck player is allow outside the dugout at all times.
15. The bat must be a baseball bat that meets USA BASEBALL Standard, USABAT logo which was adopted for 2018.

Game Rules

1. No player will sit on the bench more than two consecutive innings. First infraction is a warning, second is an automatic one game suspension for the Manager.
2. A player arriving after the start of the game will be placed at the end of the batting order and will bat soon as they order comes around to their position.
3. Once a player leaves a game for an injury or other reason, and their spot on the batting order has been passedmover- the player is not permitted to return to the game.
4. Minors: Bat for three (3) out or until the entire lineup has batted once and then the inning is over.
5. Minors: Base Runners advance only as far as force by hitter on an infield hit ball.
6. Minors: On a ball hit into the outfield the runners may advance until the ball is in control by an INFIELD PLAYER.
7. Minors: There is no advancement of the batter/runner on an overthrown pitch or a throw to any base.
8. Minors: The individual pitching the ball to the batter must remain on mound and throw over hand to the batter
9. Central: The runner may only advance one base on an overthrown pitch or a throw to any base.

10. Majors/Central: Baserunner may steal any base but cannot lead off or run until ball gets to home plate.
11. Junior/Senior: Lead off and stealing is permitted.
12. MYB utilizes a player pool to support teams that may be short players for a game. Player pool rules can be found on the website MuscatineBaseball.com
13. Intentional walks can be done without throwing pitches but will still result in 4 pitches for pitch count purposes.
14. Once a pitch is thrown to walk a batter, all pitches must be thrown to complete the intentional walk. Pitch count will be used in all games, except Minors.
15. The home team is the official scorekeeper and the home team manager shall email muscatineybscores@gmail.com and post on GroupME the results of each game including pitch count. This will ensure that everything is correct, current and the standings are up to date on muscatinebaseball.com.
16. One approved individual must remain in the dugout at all times during the game.
17. Managers and Coaches shall remain in the dugout at all times, unless their team is batting, and they are coaching the bases.
18. All team equipment shall be maintained in the dugout, not within the playing field.
19. A base ump is required at every regular season game. The visiting team **MUST** supply the base umpire.
20. **Run Rules:**
 - Minor/Central: 15 runs after 3 innings. 10 Runs after 4 innings. For the first four innings a maximum of 5 runs per inning is allowed. After completion of 4 innings, there is no limit on runs.
 - Major: 15 runs after 3 innings. 10 runs after 4 innings
 - Junior/Senior: 15 runs after 4 innings. 10 runs after 5 innings
21. **Time Limits**
 - Minor: 1 hour 30 minutes. No inning shall start after 1 hour 15 minutes.
 - Central/Major: 2 hours. No inning shall start after 1 hour 45 minutes.
 - Junior/Senior: 2 hours 30 minutes. No inning shall start after 2 hours 15 minutes.
 - Any inning started will be allowed to finish.
 - In the event of a tie, each team will receive 1/2 Win & 1/2 Loss to standings.

Conduct

1. Managers are responsible for the conduct of their players, coaches, and parents. Under no circumstances shall anyone argue with an umpire over judgement calls (Safe/out, fair/foul, etc.). If an umpire has made a mistake on a ruling, the Manager only question the call when able to show in the rule book where demonstrating call was incorrect.
2. In all divisions, any player, Manager, or Coach ejected from a game is also suspended from the following game.
3. The actions on or off the field of players, Managers, Coaches, Umpires, and League officials must be above reproach. Anyone involved in a verbal or physical altercation, or an incident of unsportsmanlike conduct at the game site or any other MYB activity may be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.
4. This shall include online and social media.
5. Volunteer Requirements 1. 9

Coaching a youth sport program such as Little League Baseball is a privilege that is not to be taken for granted. As a Manager or coach, appointed by the Muscatine Youth Baseball (MYB) Board of Directors, you have an important role in the development of the young children in our community. We strive to teach each child the positive values of trust, good sportsmanship, good citizenship, responsibility, respect, fair play and teamwork – values they can use throughout their lives. Baseball and softball embody the discipline of teamwork. They challenge players towards perfection of physical skills and bring into play the excitement of tactics and strategy. The very nature of baseball and softball also teach that while every player eventually strikes out, or is on a losing team, there is always another chance for success in the next at-bat or game. With this in mind, the Muscatine Youth Baseball expects each manager and coach to adhere to our Code of Conduct.