

## LCN Rules Variations for Minors

For 2017 season

### **COACH RULES:**

- All Fields are to be dragged and rake Prior to and immediately following each baseball game. Home team preps the field and away team closes the field.
- Each Head Coach will receive a box of "Game Balls" prior to the season. These are different from the bucket of soft practice balls each team receives for practice. Each coach will supply one game ball to the umpire prior to each game.
- Weather: both head coaches must deem the field unplayable in order for a game to be rescheduled. It is the sole responsibility of both head coaches to make a decision in the best interests of everyone involved. If a started game cannot be completed due to weather, it will be considered a complete game after 4 innings or 3 ½ innings if the home team is winning.
- Home team is responsible for raking, chalking and setting up the field for play. The visiting team will collect the bases. Each team is responsible for cleaning their own dugout.
- Proper sportsmanship will be demonstrated at all times. Throwing of equipment, foul language and any "bad behavior" demonstrated by the coaches, players or parents will not be tolerated. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR PARENTS – no exceptions.
- The game is six innings. Extra innings are allowed, if time permits. - No inning will be allowed to start after the 1-hour game 50 minute limit is reached. An inning begins when the 3<sup>rd</sup> out of the bottom of the previous inning is recorded
- Teams must have a minimum of 7 players present at game time to play. If a team is not present or does not have the needed 7 players to start a game they will be given 20 minutes grace period to allow late player to arrive. If after 20 minutes the needed players are not accounted for, a forfeit will be called by the umpire and the team fully present will be declared the victor.
- Mercy rule = 10 runs after 5 innings, or 4 ½ if the home team is winning.
- Players and coaches may "ask" for timeout, but it is up to the discretion of the league umpire to "grant" said timeout. The play does not stop once the ball is returned to the infield. Play is officially over when the umpire calls time.
- All teams must post, at a minimum, their pitching stats to the league website within 48 hours of games start times but a minimum of 12 hours prior to next game, with the only exception being two games played on the same day. The first instance will result in a warning. The second

instance will result in a warning with notification to entire team that any further violations will result in a win being vacated. PLEASE NOTE: This is a win, so not posting stats on a losing game will cost for repeat violators.

- Players that have to leave the game due to injury or illness will have their turn at bat skipped with no penalty to that team. Any other reason for a player being removed from the lineup will record an out against that team each time that players turn to bat occurs. All players must play 2 innings defensively and all players present must appear in the batting order. Free substitution is allowed except if a pitcher is pulled during an inning, he therefore cannot reenter the game as a pitcher. If a pitcher is pulled at the end of an inning (defensively), he may reenter the game as a pitcher but may not exceed the "weekly innings pitched limit" or "rest rule".

- Base runners cannot leave their base until the ball has crossed home plate.

- If the base runner leaves early and the ball is not hit the runners will be returned to their base, a warning given to the offending team and a no pitch being ruled. Subsequent violations will result in the runner being returned to base and a strike being called.

If the base runner leaves early and the ball is hit and an out(s) made on the batter, the out(s) stands and the runners are not allowed to advance. If no out is made, the runners are returned and a strike called on the batter.

Please note that a third strike will result in an out for the batter.

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## PITCHING RULES:

- Batter is out on a dropped third strike by the catcher.
- Pitchers are allowed to throw curve balls, but this is not endorsed by LCN Baseball or any of its officers.

TOURNAMENT PITCHING REST REQUIREMENTS				
AGE	DAILY MAX (PITCHES IN GAME/DAY)	REST PERIOD		
		0 Days	1 Day	2 Days
7-8	50	1-20	21-35	36+
9-10	75	1-40	41-65	66+
11-12	85	1-40	41-65	66+
13-15	95	1-45	46-75	76+

Minor Baseball max pitch count for a player in a 7 day period is 75

Major baseball max pitch count for a player in a 7 day period is 85

Babe Ruth baseball max pitch count for a player in a 7 day period is 95

## BATTING/BASERUNNING RULES:

- Intentionally or unintentionally thrown bats will result in a warning for the entire team the first time it happens; any player that throws a bat after the warning will result in the offending player being called out, and ejected – no advance for the runners if any. An out will be recorded for each time that player comes up in the order after the incident. This rule carries forward.
- There are no infield fly's.
- Any situation that is not covered by any of the above rules will be handled in accordance of the Babe Ruth Baseball rulebook and shall be enforced by the umpire. Any other questions and/or concerns should go through the chain of command.
- Lead offs are not allowed

- An inning will end when 3 outs have been recorded OR a team sends up to bat the same number of players as larger teams lineup. Example - team A has 10 players playing that game and team B has 12 players. Each team is allowed to send 12 players to bat in an inning if the other team cannot record 3 outs. \*\*\*This rule will not be enforced during the end of season Mini-Tournament. During the tournament, 3 outs must be recorded to end an inning.

- Stealing home via wild pitch, passed ball or on a straight steal is not allowed. The runner must remain on the third base until the catcher picks up the ball. Base runner on 3<sup>rd</sup> base can only score if they are batted in, walked in (with bases loaded), or if a play is made on him. The base runner cannot score on a wild throw back to the pitcher or on a passed ball.

- If the ball leaves the field of play and the base runner is on a base, he will be awarded the next base. If a base runner is not on a base, he will be awarded the base he is approaching plus an additional base.