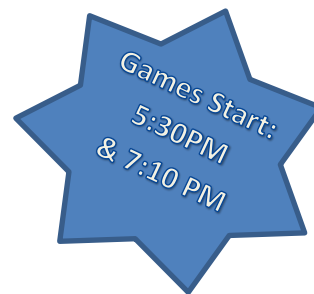




Hoyt Youth Baseball League

15U Division Rules

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Eligibility:

1. A player's age by July 1 of the current year is his age for the summer recreation programs.
2. An adult must be present with each team for the entire game or the game will be forfeited.
3. Deadline for adding new players is the first game of the season or having consent of the League Director.

General Rules

1. Game length shall be 7 innings or 1 1/2 hour time limit.
2. Base distance will be 80 feet and pitching mound 54 ft.
3. All 2 5/8" diameter Bats MUST be BBCOR Stamped and -3 or wood .. 2 1/4" diameter bats may be used if stamped Pony/Little League etc ...
4. The Game Ball should be stamped with a Pony Logo and there should be 2 new balls to start the game.
5. Umpires **NOT** required to be MHSAA Certified.
6. Weighted doughnuts are not allowed on the bats in the on deck circle. A swing sock or a weighted bat or 2 bats are allowed.
7. All coaches shall remain in the dugout when the other team is batting.
8. League teams shall have a minimum of 8 eligible players, who are physically able to play, present at the start of the game. You must take an out for the ninth batter if there are only 8 batters in the lineup. You cannot intentionally walk the 8th batter to reach the 9th batter for an out. If 8 eligible-players are not present within 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time of the game, the game shall be forfeited. The teams may still agree to play a scrimmage game.
9. Home team will keep the score book and sit on the third base side.

Game Rules:

1. M.H.S.A.A. Baseball Rules with the following exceptions.
2. Batters can run on third strike dropped ball if 1st base is open or if 1st base is occupied and there are two outs. The batter is out if 1st base is occupied and there are less than 2 outs.
3. Players may advance on a walk.
4. Balks will be called. (As much as feasible due to type of mound)
5. Pitching rules are as stated in. the Pony League Rule Book but are worth repeating. No more than 7 innings on the same calendar day. No more than 10 innings in one calendar week. A calendar week is from 12:01 a.m. Monday to 12 midnight the following Sunday. Pitchers shall have at least 40 hours rest after pitching on the same calendar day in 4 or more innings. The actual starting time of the game shall be used to interpret this rule. The League also asks that each coach refer to these simple guidelines for pitches thrown. 35-40 bullpen pitches, 70-75 max game pitches and 15-20 pitches per inning. Guidelines provided by the American Sports Medicine Institute at www.asmi.org and Baseball Excellence at www.baseball-excellence.com
6. There will be a 10 run mercy rule after 5 innings.

7. There will be unlimited substitution; players may be taken out and re-entered into the field at any time.
8. In order to allow more innings to be played the following are in effect:
 - A. The next 1/2 inning will start within 3 minutes after the last one ends. A pitcher shall receive 4 warm-up pitches if time permits.
 - B. There will be a courtesy runner for the catcher with 2 outs. This runner shall be the batter who made the last out, provided they are not the pitcher.
9. Any player warming up a pitcher must wear a mask and helmet.
10. All batters, base runners, and catchers must wear protective headgear. Any player who in the Umpire's judgment DELIBERATELY THROWS A BAT OR HELMET (either to the ground or in the air) the player will be considered out
11. Injury to a player does not constitute an out in the batting order.
12. Coaches are allowed 2 trips to the mound per pitcher; the 2nd trip mandates pitcher removal.
13. Adults are allowed to coach the bases provided there is an Adult on the bench to keep the players under control. Any players coaching the bases must wear protective headgear.
14. Metal spikes are allowed.
15. Tie games will be played under international tie breaker rules or the umpire declares darkness.
16. Players can advance to home on passed ball.
17. All players should show 15 minutes prior to game time and starting pitchers and catchers should be warmed up and ready to prior to game time.

NOTE: Un-sportsman behavior will not be tolerated by any spectator, coach or player. One warning will be given, than you will be asked to leave the park! Coaches and players are not allowed to yell at the Umpire over balls and strikes. It is a recreational youth baseball and is designed to help youth sportsmanship.