

# *Farragut Baseball, Inc.*

## 2020 Super Season

### Willie Mays 10U League Rules – Fields 2 & 3

The Willie Mays Recreational Division is a Base 6 league. Players will pitch all games and base stealing is permitted (no metal spikes), in accordance with Official USSSA Rules, with the exception of the following:

1. Game times will be no new inning after 1 hour and 10 minutes of play. If the Home Team is winning after 1 hour and 10 minutes and after the Visiting Team has completed its turn at bat, the game is over and the Home Team will not bat. Games can end in a tie.
2. Runners **MUST SLIDE** at a play at the plate. The runner will be **CALLED OUT** should they not do so. A play at the plate must involve the catcher holding the ball trying to apply a tag on a runner. A ball thrown near the plate that a catcher doesn't have a play is not considered a play at the plate. Umpire's decision will be final.
3. Each team must supply 1 NEW game ball each game.
4. Only players registered with Farragut Baseball Inc. for the current season can play and/or practice with your league team.

#### **Batting/Line-Up Rules:**

5. There will be 10 defensive players on the field; however, the batting order shall consist of all players on the roster at the beginning of the game. Players arriving late shall be added to the bottom of the batting order.
  - a. All batters on the roster shall bat before returning to the top of the batting order.
  - b. Teams may start a game with 8 players and any players showing up late shall be added to the bottom of the batting order. If you have less than 8 your team will be forced to forfeit the game.
  - c. If you need to pick up a player to avoid a forfeit, that player must be registered with Farragut Baseball, Inc. and can be from another Willie Mays team but cannot be a base player from that team. A player may also be picked up from the Roberto Clemente 8U League. The "pick up" player selected will play outfield and bat last.
  - d. No players from outside the Farragut Baseball league can be used. Violation of any of the previous rules will result in forfeiture of the game.
6. No one player may sit out **more than one consecutive inning**.
7. If the catcher is on base and there are two outs, the catcher should be replaced on the base path with the player who made the last batted out and the catcher should begin to put on the catcher's gear. This will help speed up play.

#### **Pitching Rules**

8. **NEW FOR FALL 2018:** Pitchers may only pitch to 13 batters in a game, no more than 4 consecutive innings per game and one day's rest between outings. Failure to comply results in a forfeit game.
9. Pitchers **may not** return as a pitcher in the same game.
10. A pitcher may be visited by the coach only once per inning. On the second visit in any inning to the same pitcher, the pitcher must be removed from the pitching position. He may stay in the game at another position.
11. A dropped third strike is live, allowing the batter and base runners to advance their own risk (as long as 1st base is unoccupied). With two outs and the bases loaded, the catcher may step on home plate to record the 3rd out.
12. Balks will be called after 1 official warning per pitcher per game.

### **Additional Rules**

13. No more than 6 runs will be scored during each half inning.
14. A complete game is 3 1/2 innings if home team is ahead or 4 innings if visiting team is ahead.
15. Run rules apply: If a team is ahead by 15 runs after 3 innings or 8 runs after 4 innings the game will be called.
16. Only the head coach (or other designated coach) will ask for rulings from the umpire and must call timeout.
17. There will be unlimited substitutions.

### **SAFETY RULES:**

1. Protective cups are required for all male players.
2. All batters must have a helmet with a face mask.
3. The catcher is required to wear a full front and back mask (skull caps are not allowed).
4. No metal spikes are allowed.

**NOTE: Failure to comply with any of the above stated rules can/will result in a forfeit game.**

### **Scoring:**

1. Starting Fall 2018, WM will be using the GameChanger app to assist with game score and pitch count.
2. Runs scored should be confirmed by both team score keepers between each half inning.
3. Each team should assign a parent to keep score before the game starts. The Home Team is considered the official scorekeeper and is responsible for running the scoreboard – **adults only, no children**.
4. Each team score keeper should keep track of both team's pitch count (player pitches). Following each game, head coaches are responsible for providing the player pitching records and final score to the League Commissioner for tracking.

### **Cancellations or rescheduled games:**

1. All games will be played as originally scheduled except for inclement weather with every attempt made to play as scheduled.
2. Cancellations/rescheduling will be decided by the League President and/or the FBI Board.
3. If a game is called due to weather, 3 complete innings will be considered a full game. If less than 3 innings have been played, the game will be made up starting at that point.

### **Sportsmanship:**

**Coaches:** Be sure to encourage players and parents to cheer for all players as this is very important for building the morale for these young kids. You would be surprised at how much each it means to these kids when they are all cheering for each other and hear their teammates supporting them. Also, be sure at the end of each game to line your players up to shake hands with the other team.

**Coaches and parents will conduct themselves so as to create a positive role model for all players, on and off the field. Umpires will have complete control of all games. Coaches may inquire or ask the umpire about rules, but baseball judgement calls will not be questioned. Questions from parents related to any rules should be directed to the head coach of their team. Abusive behavior and language will not be tolerated. An ejection by an umpire will result in a two game suspension by Farragut Baseball Inc. The league president and/or Farragut Baseball Inc. Board Members have the discretion to eject a coach or parent (including leaving the field premises) if these rules are not followed and unacceptable behavior is shown.**