

ROOKIE BOYS LEAGUE RULES (Coach Pitch)

Beachwood/South Euclid/OCER Ages 7-8

This league is designed for children ages 7 & 8. It has been created to assist in the development of children who have the desire to play baseball. Children will not be permitted to pitch in this program; just the coaches. **HAVE FUN!**

PLAYING FIELD:

1. Distance between the bases will be 55 feet.
2. The pitching distance is 40 feet. A circle will be put there.

EQUIPMENT:

1. One-piece metal bats will be the only bats permitted. (Official Little League). **NO SOFTBALL BATS.**
2. Rubber-soled or rubber cleated baseball shoes will be permitted. Tennis shoes are also acceptable. No steel spikes are allowed. Uniforms must be worn at all times.
3. Batters and baserunners must wear protective headgear at all times.
4. The use of athletic supporters is to be encouraged by managers, and catchers are required to wear all catching equipment and protective cup.

PLAYING RULES:

1. There will be **NO** lead-offs or stealing permitted in this league. **6 RUN LIMIT PER INNING.**
2. Overthrows: **DEAD BALL** on over throws to 1st, live at 2nd and 1 base given at 3rd.
3. Bunting is **NOT** permitted; there will be no infield fly rule.
4. This league will play with 4 outfielders LF, LCF, RCF, & RF. Please do not put an outfielder behind 2nd base. Normal infield positions will be played. All players will bat in the batting order.
5. All players must play equal time in the game.
6. An **INFIELDER** must be the one to call time. It can be done anywhere and must have the ball (all runners not ½ way to next base goes back). Outfielders cannot go to infield and call time.
7. A catcher is not mandatory. No plays at the plate. If catcher has the ball and runner is ½ to home; the runner is out.

PITCHING RULES:

1. Each batter gets a maximum of six pitches to put the ball in play (continue if foul tip). Please adhere to this rule.
2. A player on the defensive team shall cover the fielding position of pitcher. This player must start at the designated position to the right or left of the coach pitching. This position will be marked. You cannot put a player on both sides.
3. *Any* batted ball that comes in contact with the coach pitching is dead. Just replay the pitch.
4. There will be no walks. However in the unlikely instance of a hit batsman, he will be permitted to take his base.

LENGTH OF GAME:

1. Games will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. The games will be 4 innings. Normal 3 outs need to be made.
2. No new inning can start after 8:00 p.m. However, an inning can be completed after this time.

CONDUCT:

1. **PROFANE LANGUAGE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**
2. Chatter will be limited to **POSITIVE CHATTER** for your own team members only. No chatter that is derogatory in nature will be allowed. The catcher may not distract the batter at any time (e.g. No "Hey batter-batter swing!") A warning will be issued for the first offense. The player or players will be ejected from the game for the second offense. If this does not solve the problem, the offending team may forfeit the game.
3. Use of tobacco products and alcohol at the playing fields is strictly forbidden. Use of these products serves no purpose in a Youth Sports environment. All managers and coaches will be expected to enforce this rule.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Rained out games will not be rescheduled.
2. No dogs allowed at Beachwood fields.