**LAKE IN THE HILLS YAA**

**MYTES (PINTO) BASEBALL RULES**

Mytes Baseball division is a non-competitive boys/girls baseball league. It is our desire that all players have an equal chance to develop and learn the basics of baseball while instilling a sense of sportsmanship and fair play. There should never be an argument/protest about a play from any player, coach or parent. If a problem arises, then please contact the league director.

The following is the hierarchy for rules precedence:

1: LITH Youth Athletic Association by-laws

2: Myte Baseball League Local Rules contained herein

3: Pony Baseball – Pinto Division – Rules and Regulations

**General**

1. Home teams are responsible to prepare field with chalked foul lines and bases. The home team is also responsible for putting bases away and raking out the chalk lines.

2. Home team should supply two (2) game balls.

3. Games are six (6) innings long or within allotted time frame.

4. No inning shall begin after one hour and forty-five minutes after the game starting time.

5. 5 runs scored per offensive ½ inning max.

6. Bases will be sixty (60) feet apart. Pitching rubber will be 40 feet for 8-year olds and 35-40 for 7-year

olds based on skill.

7. A player may not be a member of more than one team.

8. No bat greater than 2 ¼” in width shall be used.

9. No metal spikes will be allowed.

10. No additions will be made to the team roster unless approved by the Director of Baseball in

accordance with the Executive Board.

11. The baseball and field maintenance director will determine unplayable fields or rainouts. If no cancellation is announced, then it is assumed that games will be played. Coaches should not take it upon themselves to cancel games.

12. In the event of a rainout, Scheduling Director will re-schedule the game into the first available

scheduled rain date while making every attempt to not exceed 3 games per week for either team.

13. Throwing of equipment (in anger), name calling or other misconduct will not be tolerated. The

offender should be removed from the game and made to sit on the bench. Repeated offenses will be

reported to the league director immediately.

14. All players and coaches will shake hands after each game.

**Substitute Players**

Borrowing a player from another League team at the same level is prohibited. Players registered

In a Boys league one level below the team requesting can play provided:

Should the 10th player, originally scheduled to be absent attend the game, the play-up/substitute

player will be allowed to play in said game.

Play-up player will not be eligible to play in the pitcher position at any time.

Must bat in the last position in the lineup.

Must be in their regular lower level team uniform

**Umpires**

1. Base coaches will act as umpires.

2. A protest based on umpires call is not permitted.

3. One coach from the offense will call balls and strikes, remembering to open the strike zone.

Base Running

1. No leadoffs.

2. No stealing.

3. No base runner shall be allowed to advance more than one (1) base after a traditional put out at 1B or

a force out at 2B, 3B, or home plate.

4. When a ball is hit into the outfield, runners may advance to the next base until the ball crosses the

baseline or is caught by a defensive player on the infield dirt. The runner (s) can advance to the next

base at their own risk.

5. Baserunners may only advance as many bases as the batter advances.

6. Infield fly rule is not in effect.

7. A base runner cannot collide with a fielder attempting to make a put out. It is understood that

incidental contact happens, but if a collision occurs the runner will be called out. Play is considered

dead and all runners must return to the base which they started the at-bat from.

8. Close plays should go to the defense.

9. Runners may not advance more than one base due to a defensive player's misfortune.

10. When the ball is in the infield (dirt area), no runner may advance another base.

11. No overthrows are allowed.

**Batting**

1. Continuous batting order (roster batting in effect every game).

2. No bunting is allowed any time.

3. A complete ½ inning shall be three (3) defensive outs or (5) runs scored.

4. Batter must not throw bats the first infraction will result in team warning. Second

Infraction and the batter is called out.

5. The adult pitcher should not coach the base runners after the ball is hit. He may position and

encourage the hitter before the ball is hit but not a base coach. The base runners should be taught and

encouraged to listen to the 1st and 3rd base coaches.

6. Coaches must keep players sitting in the dugout while the team is up to bat.

Pitching

1. No pitcher can pitch more than one (1) inning per game.

2. No pitcher can pitch to more than four (4) batters in one inning. After the pitcher has faced the

maximum number of batters, the coach will pitch the remainder of that inning. The pitcher will

remain in the game and field his/her position.

3. There are no walks allowed. If a batter receives 4 called balls, then his/her coach will throw three (3)

pitches to them. If they are not put into play, the batter must sit down. An out is recorded. An at-bat

continues on a foul ball.

4. If the kid pitcher strikes out a batter it will be recorded as an out.

5. If a kid pitcher walks three (3) batters in a row, the coach will pitch the remainder of the inning.

6. Two (2) hit batters by the same pitcher in an inning and the coach will pitch the remainder of the

inning. Hit batsmen should be awarded 1st base if desired or may face coach pitching.

7. If a coach must pitch the remainder of an inning, each batter will receive five (5) coach pitches. If the

batter does not put the ball in play after five (5) pitches, an out is recorded. Batter will receive an

extra pitch if they foul off the last pitch.

8. Strike zone should be liberal or open to assist the pitcher.

**Fielding**

1. Traditional infield will be played.

2. Four (4) outfielders should be positioned in the grass.

3. Where no outfield fence exists, the ball is considered in play unless outside interference occurs.

4. Players cannot play the same position in consecutive innings or more than twice per game.

5. Each player must play outfield/catcher twice per game