

# Little League Boys Recreational League Rules

## 2012 Season

- **This league is for boys in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade as of sign-up date.**
- **Coaches and umpires will go over the ground rules before the game begins.**
  - ✓ Be sure to bring these rules to each game and follow them.
  - ✓ Each home coach should know the ground rules for his/her field.
    - Be sure to discuss play area, foul area and out of play areas.
  - ✓ Questions regarding rules should be covered at this time.
- **The number of innings to play for a complete game is 7 innings.**
  - ✓ Ten run rule will apply after 5 innings unless both coaches and teams decide to continue play.
  - ✓ Rained-out for regular games is 4 innings.
    - Home team does not have to bat in the bottom of the 4<sup>th</sup> if they are ahead.
    - If a makeup game is needed, try to reschedule within a 2 week period.
  - ✓ If the game needs to be called early due to darkness, revert back to the last inning played.
    - A warning will be called if a team is stalling.
- **No innings will begin after 8:30pm on unlit fields.**
- **A new ball shall be used for each league game.**
- **9 players are used for this league, but you may start and finish with 8 players.**
- **Good Sportsmanship is mandatory**
  - ✓ Shake hands before game begins
    - No spitting on hands before you shake
  - ✓ No harassment of opposing players
    - The umpire can call a forfeit if this occurs
- **If any problems arise between teams, forward all information to your directors. If the problem cannot be settled contact the county recreation director.**

### Field:

- 1) Baseline distance = 65 feet based on the field
- 2) Pitching distance = 46 feet
- 3) Field is broken into play area, foul area and out of play area

### Umpires:

- 1) Home team will furnish umpire-in-chief behind home plate.
- 2) Umpires should be 18 years old or older to ump this league.
- 3) Must use chest protectors and a face mask.
- 4) He/she must know the rules of this league.
- 5) The umpire is not allowed to coach the teams in any way.
- 6) The umpire's decision is final.
- 7) There will be no arguing with the umpire.

### Uniforms/Equipment:

- 1) Catchers will wear a mask with throat guard, chest protector, shin guards, and a cup to protect against injuries.
- 2) Helmets will be worn by batters and base runners.
- 3) Tennis shoes or rubber cleats are the only shoes allowed. No steel spikes, bare feet, street shoes or sandals. This is to protect against injuries.
- 4) No shorts or cut-offs.
- 5) One piece aluminum or wood bats with the label "official baseball bat" will be used.
- 6) All equipment will be kept in the dugout area.