

Omaha Suburban Athletic Association  
Mustang Boys Baseball League  
2022 Rules

Field Information

- A. The base paths will be 60'.
- B. The pitching distance will be 44'.
- C. A safety base will be used at all times next to first base. The runners are to run to the safety base. Fielders are to use the regular base.
- D. Ball Size: regulation baseball.

Game Information

- A. Games will consist of six innings or 1 hour and 45 minutes, whichever occurs first. No inning will be allowed to start after 1 hour and 30 minutes. The umpire will keep the game clock and will notify both teams of the game start time.
- B. An inning will consist of three outs or seven runs, whichever occurs first. When the seventh run is scored prior to the third out, then that half of the inning is over.
- C. The "Mercy Rule" will be 15 runs after four innings, 10 runs after five innings.
- D. Tie games will be permitted to continue ONLY if time allows or it is the last game of the day on that field. In the event of a tie, the last batter from the prior inning will start on second base with zero outs.
- E. In an effort to keep the games on schedule, coaches should pinch run for the catcher when he is on base with two outs. The last player to score an out in that inning will be the pinch runner.
- F. If a game is called due to weather or darkness and cannot be resumed that day, it is a regulation game if either three innings have been completed or if the home team has scored more runs in two innings than the visiting team has scored in three innings. If a regulation game is called with the score tied, the score shall revert back to the last completed inning (or the last completed half inning if the home team leads).
- G. In games where a team from the nine-year-old division plays a team from the ten year-old division the rules for ten-year-old division apply.
- H. NINE-YEAR-OLD DIVISION: No run will be scored on a walk. If bases are loaded and the batter is awarded ball four, his coach will pitch to him until he hits the ball in the field of play or strikes out (the batter will continue to assume the number of strikes he had previously), whichever comes first. In the event that the coach pitching unintentionally obstructs the pitcher from making a play (either fielding or the throw) the umpire is to call obstruction and award the batter first base and each runner may advance no more than one base. In the event that the umpire

determines that the coach intentionally obstructed the fielder he shall call interference, declare the batter out, and runners will not advance.

#### Pitching Rules

- A. The maximum number of games a pitcher may pitch in a week is three (a week is Monday through Sunday).
- B. The maximum number of innings a pitcher may pitch in a week is six (a week is Monday through Sunday).
- C. The maximum number of innings a nine-year-old may pitch in a day is three. The maximum number of innings a ten-year-old may pitch in a day is Four. Innings pitched are done by outs. 1 out is  $\frac{1}{3}$  inning, 2 outs is  $\frac{2}{3}$  inning, etc...
- D. The maximum number of pitches a pitcher may pitch in a day is 60. E. When a pitcher reaches the 60<sup>nd</sup> pitch while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base, the batter is put out, or the third out is made to complete the half-inning.
- F. Pitchers must adhere to the following rest requirements:
  - 1. If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, he may pitch the following day.
  - 2. If a player pitches 21-40 pitches in a day, one (1) full calendar day of rest must be observed.
  - 3. If a player pitches 41-60 pitches in a day, two (2) full calendar days of rest must be observed.
- G. Coaches will keep track of pitch counts and turn them in to the league commissioner within 24 hours.
- H. Coaches are allowed one visit to the pitcher's mound in an inning. The pitcher must be removed on the second visit in an inning.
- I. Coaches will not re-enter a pitcher in the game as a pitcher if he has pitched previously in the game.
- J. Failure of a coach to comply with the pitching rules listed herein will result in forfeiture of the game.
- K. The balk rule is not in effect since players cannot lead off.

#### Additional Rules

- A. Teams will play ten players in the field (six infielders, four outfielders).
- B. Free substitution is allowed in the field. All players may leave and enter the game at anytime (with the exception of the pitcher who may not re-enter as a pitcher once he has pitched). Every player will play infield and outfield in each game. With the exception of the pitcher and catcher, players may not play the same position in more than three consecutive innings.

C. All players will be placed in the batting lineup for the entire game. D. A team may start a game with only eight players. When batting with only eight or nine players there is no automatic out for the ninth and/or tenth position. Teams may borrow an OSAA registered player. The substitute player will bat last and play in the outfield.

E. Bunting is allowed.

F. Base runners may steal second and third base, but shall not leave the base before the pitched ball has been hit or has passed home plate. A base runner leaving early will be called out by the umpire.

G. Stealing home is NOT allowed.

1. TEN-YEAR-OLD DIVISION: If a thrown ball goes into the outfield grass while attempting to make a play on a runner stealing second or third base, it becomes a live ball and base runners may advance at their own risk.

2. NINE-YEAR-OLD DIVISION: If a thrown ball goes into the outfield grass while attempting to make a play on a runner stealing third base, it becomes a live ball and base runners may advance at their own risk.

H. Once the ball is secured by an infielder, all runners may continue to the base they are heading toward. If a play is made on a runner, however, it remains a live ball and base runners may advance at their own risk.

I. Runners may advance at their own risk on overflows within the field of play. In the event the ball leaves the playing field on an overthrow, runners are allowed to advance to the base they were running to, plus one base (except for throws back to the pitcher and attempts made on a base runner in the nine-year-old division trying to steal second base where the ball does not reach the outfield grass). J. The dropped third strike rule is not in effect.

K. The infield fly rule is not in effect.

L. Sliding Guideline: There is no requirement to slide. Players should, however, make every attempt to avoid collisions with opposing players. A runner may be called out for running into a fielder who is attempting to make a play on the ball. Under no circumstances can a player intentionally run into a fielder. It will be at the umpire's discretion to call the runner out if contact is made. In the case of a runner intentionally running into the fielder, the runner may be removed from the game. Coaches should instruct players to slide on close plays at any base.

### General Rules/Information

A. All batters and base runners MUST wear helmets with face guards in the on-deck area, when at bat, and while on base. No more than one on-deck batter is permitted outside of the dugout. Coaches should instruct on-deck batters to pay close attention to the batter to avoid being struck by a foul ball.

- B. Catchers must wear chest protector, shin guards and a helmet during the game and while warming up the pitcher.
- C. When at bat no more than two coaches should be outside of the dugout. When in the field no more than one coach should be outside of the dugout. D. The home team will occupy the third base dugout.
- E. Both teams should supply two game balls.
- F. Dugouts should be left clean after each game.
- G. If no umpire is available, the coaches should report the situation to the OSAA Field Manager on duty.
- H. All judgment calls by umpires are final. A call made incorrectly due to a rules interpretation may be addressed to the umpire by both coaches. The umpire's decision will stand if no agreement is reached (the intent is to make the correct call on a rules-related call, not to change a judgment call made by the umpire).
- I. Both teams shall report the score to the league commissioner within 24 hours. J. The use of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs in any form, by players or coaches in the dugout areas, on the benches, or on or near the field of play is not permitted. K. The ZERO TOLERANCE rule is in effect. Coaches are responsible for their conduct, their players' conduct, and that of the parents and fans. The umpire has the authority to eject any player, coach or fan that is deemed to be disruptive of the game. Please display good sportsmanship toward the umpires.

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