



## **MBA 8U League Rules**

### **Ground Rules**

1. All players on the roster will bat each half inning
2. When 3 outs are recorded during a half inning all bases will be cleared and number of outs starts at zero.
3. Batters and runners must wear helmets and should wear caps beneath to avoid rashes, lice, etc.
4. No metal cleats are allowed.
5. Catchers must wear a helmet and be far enough away from the batter.
6. Base runners must not lead off. There is no stealing allowed.
7. Try to have players avoid head first slides.
8. Each batter will be allowed 5 swings. The coaches will pitch (from a knee is best). There will be no walks. Batters are not awarded first base if they are hit. Pitches can be underhand and from a closer distance after the first 5 pitches.
9. No extra bases may be taken on any overthrows, including first base.
10. Baserunners cannot advance on a ball hit to the outfield once the ball has reached the infield/pitcher.
11. There will be no bunting.
12. The last batter can only advance bases based on the rules, they will not "circle" the bases because they are the last hitter.
13. Coaches will do umpiring.

## **Rotations/Playing Time**

1. All players on roster will bat during each half inning in the same place in the order.
2. All players on the roster will play in the field each inning. Each team will field as normal of a line up as possible. If short players, have a coach be catcher, or don't have a player stand by the pitcher. Each player will get equal opportunity to play different positions. Only exception is 1st base. Don't put a player there who could get injured because they can't catch.

## **Games and Practices**

1. Please follow the game and practice schedule times.
2. Do not start a new inning if both teams won't be able to bat, based on time.
3. Please follow coaching development ideas, use our language as much as possible, have a practice plan ready.
4. Focus should be development and fun, not winning.
5. Coaches are in charge of communicating with parents about cancellations.
6. Coordinators will contact coaches about cancellations.
7. Coaches should hand in all picture items, schedules, and fundraising information at first practice.
8. Equipment turn in will be on family night.