



## **AABC 11u Gil Hodges World Series - Rules of Play**

**\*\* Very IMPORTANT – On all 5 turf fields at Ballparks of America – NO Seeds or Gum. Violations can be assessed with a Team Fine of up to \$250. Please monitor and announce this to your team and help us with leaving the dugout area cleaner than you find it**

The event is monitored by the AABC 2024 Official Handbook – and the following Rules and Regulations.

1 – Each team should be using a Gamechanger Account for this event.

2 – Pitching Regulations. We will be using, per AABC rules, the Pitch Smart program in this modified way - at this age, the limit is 85 pitches TOTAL for this 3 Day Event, and it is a drop-dead number – not a “finish the batter” rule. After the 85<sup>th</sup> pitch, that player is removed from the mound for the remainder of the event as a Pitcher. Let’s not violate this area of rules please. 1st to 3rd moves are ILLEGAL. Balks are NOT LIVE.

3 - Present an official lineup card to the Umpires at the pre-game meeting. You may bat “your roster” – like in all Youth events. List each player in the line up by Number / First and Last Name / Starting Position. If you are not batting your entire lineup, a starting player may be withdrawn and reentered once. A substitute that is withdrawn may not reenter the game again. INJURY: If a team is batting 10 or more players to start the game and one of the players is INJURED during the game he can be removed and the lineup with condense down by one spot with ZERO penalty (no out when that spot in the lineup comes back up). If a team is batting 9 players and a player is injured the lineup can condense down but the team will take an out for each spot in the lineup that comes back up under 9 total players, unless a sub is applicable from the bench.

4 – AABC is providing ONE HALF DOZEN game balls to each team. After that first half dozen balls teams are responsible for providing their own game balls for the duration of the event. The Home Team for pool games and consolation games will be determined by Coin Flip. Bracket Play - home team will be the highest seed for that game on the bracket. All games will consist of 7 innings with a 1 Hour & 30 Minute time limit. No new inning will occur after this time limit. See below for ties/extra innings.

### **POOL PLAY TIE BREAKERS:**

TWO WAY TIE: Head to Head (Or Run Diff, Runs Allowed, Runs Scored - in that order - if head to head doesn’t apply)

THREE WAY TIE: Run Diff, Runs Allowed, Runs Scored, then Coin Toss - in that order)

7 – For pool play, TIES CAN OCCUR after the time limit has been reached. For BRACKET PLAY a tie game (either after 7 or the time limit) shall be finalized using the MLB modified extra inning rule. The last batter from the previous inning begins on 2<sup>nd</sup> base with zero outs to start each half inning.

8 – All games will be played by MLB rules with AABC modifications. NCAA slide rule – direct to base or evade. Courtesy runner for the Catcher may be used with the last recorded out.

**9 – NO METAL CLEATS ON ANY PLAYER AT BALLPARKS OF AMERICA – Flats, Turfs or Molded ONLY on all turf fields. Penalty is a team warning and beyond that - an individual ejection.**

10 – All ejections will result in that game + 1 penalty for the first offense. The game when the ejection occurred + the next game. If there is not another Coach in the dugout at the time of an ejection, the game is a forfeit. A 2<sup>nd</sup> ejection is an Event/Park dismissal for the remainder of the Event. These penalties are reviewable by the Event Committee – John Hartley, Tyler Hartley, Trey McDaniel and Shannon Enfield.

### **PROTEST:**

By AABC rules in order to officially protest a game you must contact a Tournament Director AND NOT LEAVE THE FIELD OF PLAY. Next, in order to officially protest you must pay \$100 (non refundable unless the protest is won). If a team protesting leaves the field of play the protest is automatically DENIED.

IF THERE ARE ANY ISSUES ON A FIELD, PAUSE THE GAME and ASK THE UMPIRES or the COACHES CAN CALL A DIRECTOR. DO NOT CONTINUE THE GAME, once a game continues we will not go back to correct any issues.

11 – Any Parent/Fan ejection could range from a one plus one game dismissal to dismissal for the remainder of the Event pending review by the Event Committee.

12 - Run rules are 12 after 3 / 10 after 4 / 8 after 5.

13 – Any weather/in-game delays that have not reached the 4.5/5 inning conclusion are suspended games. However, this rule is at the discretion of the Event Committee and can be overruled.

14 - Bat Regulations: USSSA or USA bats are permitted.

15 – Please text your completed score of each game & pitchers that threw in each game for your team - and their pitch count to Trey McDaniel @ 417-988-1309