

# ANDOVER/ANOKA-RAMSEY/SODERVILLE INTERLEAGUE

## BASEBALL RULES 5th & 6th GRADE – 11/12U

### AS OF APRIL 1, 2019

## Conduct Policy

- Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated on any level in Andover Baseball, Anoka/Ramsey Baseball, and Soderville Baseball. Any player, coach, manager or spectator ejected from a contest for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct will be ejected for the remainder of the game and will not be permitted to return to a game prior to meeting with their respective association President and the In-House Directors. Some examples of "flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct" include, but are not limited to: abuse of the game and/or officials, use of a declared ineligible player, fighting, repeated use of profane language, etc.

## Rules

- All games will start as stated on schedule at 6:15pm. Game time is forfeit time. A team must have 8 uniformed players to start.
  - Games will consist of 6 innings. If extra innings are required, play will continue. Due to safety issues, no inning shall start after 8:15 p.m. Ties will stand in games called because of darkness.
  - The team listed second on the schedule is the home team. The home team will sit on the first base bench. The visiting team will sit on the third base bench. The visiting team will take infield 30 minutes prior to game time and the home team will take infield 15 minutes prior to game time. **Please be courteous to any grounds crew workers at this time and look after their safety.** The home team will provide the game balls and keep the official score book.
  - Each team will play 9 players in the field at a time, consisting of: **3 outfielders, 4 infielders, 1 catcher and a pitcher.**
  - Innings 1-5 will consist of 3 outs or 5 runs scored. The sixth inning and all extra innings will consist of three outs regardless of the number of runs scored. **NOTE: If a game does not get to 6 innings, the last inning closest to the 8:15 time cutoff, will be considered the last inning with unlimited runs. This will be discussed/agreed upon by the head coach from each team & the umpire before the last inning begins.**
  - 10 Run Rule: If any team is ahead after 4 full innings, the game will be considered complete and the final score is recorded. If a 10 run rule is called after (4) innings, all coaches can make the decision if they would like to continue play through a complete game by league definition without keeping score.
  - **Rain outs:** If a game has completed 4 innings, it is not considered a rain out, but will be an official game. The score reverts back to the last completed inning if the game is called. If called with the home team batting and in the lead, it will be considered a complete inning. If there is any doubt about playing, go to the field. The coaches will reschedule the game based on field availability. Coaches may not reschedule games unless due to bad weather. Penalty is a forfeit. Rescheduled games are considered "suspended" and shall resume exactly where they left off. If the coaches disagree on whether or not to postpone due to weather, the umpire shall have the final say. If an official umpire is not present, \_It shall be the decision of the Home team coach.
- If lightning appears ANYWHERE in the sky, players must leave the field immediately. A 20 minute wait is allowed to see if the game can be resumed. If severe weather sirens are activated, the game is cancelled and everyone must leave the field immediately.
- The winning coach is required to report the score of the game to their League Commissioner. In the case of inter-league games report your score, win or loss. League standings will be posted at a team's respective

league website.

- An umpire is provided by the league. **If an umpire does not show up in Andover or Anoka, please call Bob Dreyer at 763-218-5244 to report it. If at a Soderville field, contact Gail Hensler at 612-702-1822.** Make sure to leave information about the game time and location. There will be "on call" umpires that will make an attempt to get to the field as soon as possible. If a volunteer is used they must stand behind the pitcher unless they have full gear.
- Helpful hints: To speed up the game, coaches should inform the player who is scheduled to catch the next inning so that player can get a head start on getting the gear on. Coaches are strongly encouraged to conduct parents meetings prior to the first game, to explain the rules, solicit help, distribute uniforms, outline expectations and answer any questions.
- No tobacco, alcohol or profanity is allowed on or near the field of play. It's all about the kids!!

## Hitting

- Continuous batting is mandatory for all age groups. Everyone bats.
- Note on Continuous batting: An injured batter or runner that cannot continue to participate will be replaced by the last player to be put out. This will end the injured player's participation for the remainder of that game. It will not be recorded as an out unless it drops the batting lineup below the designated number of players.
- Each team's batting order will include all team members. Each player will bat in order even if they are not playing the field. Batting out of order will constitute an out and the base runners (if any) return to their original base.
  - Bunting is allowed.
  - **Batters may attempt to advance on a dropped 3rd strike according to NFHS rules**

## Base Distance

- 75 feet

## Pitching

- 12U - A player may pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game and 8 innings per week. **NOTE: Any pitcher may re-enter a game ONCE at anytime, as long as they are within their allowed innings for the game/week.** (One pitch in an inning constitutes one inning pitched. A week is considered Monday through Friday.)
- All tournaments are treated as a new week and inning counts are covered under the tournament rules.
- If a pitcher hits two batters in an inning, or 3 in a game, the pitcher must be removed from the position for the rest of the inning. Batters hit by a pitch will be awarded first base. **Batters must make an effort to avoid getting hit.**
- Curve balls are not allowed. The first offense will result in a warning to the pitcher. The second offense will result in an ejection from the pitcher's position.
- Balks will be called, with a warning first and explanation given to each pitcher. **Bases will be awarded after one warning to the pitcher.** A fake pitch will be considered a balk.
- Pitching distance is 52 feet

## Fielding

- Infield fly rule is in effect.
- Free substitution is allowed in the field. However, each player must play in at least two of the first four innings. Note: your batting lineup never changes for that game.
- Outfielders must play on the outfield grass, not on the dirt part of the infield. All outfielders need to be at least 15 feet from the base-paths.
- Each player is required to play at least 12 defensive outs. Minimum 1 infield (includes pitcher/catcher)

and 1 outfield position per player.

- No player can play more than 2 innings at 1 position **with the exception of the pitcher position.**

## Base Running

- **The 11/12U age level will constitute a full steal rule. All sliding must be feet first into a base, unless diving back to occupied base ONLY.**
- A courtesy runner (the last runner to be put out) will be allowed only for the catcher and only when there are two outs. **NOTE: projected substitutions are NOT allowed.**
- Overthrows that go out of play will advance the runners to the base to which they were running, plus one base.
- A player running on a batted ball to 2nd, 3rd or home **WILL** slide to avoid contact if there is a play at the base/plate. If the runner fails to slide and makes contact, the runner will be called out.

A clear attempt of a player sliding head first into home plate will be called out -this is at the discretion of the umpire.

## Miscellaneous

- Coaches may call one time out per inning during any dead ball.
- Standard baseballs are to be used at this age.
- Players are required to wear batting helmets while hitting and running the bases.

**The Andover Baseball Association's mission is to provide an educational, safe and fun environment. This will be achieved for the children through playing our national game of baseball.**

Any questions or concerns should be directed towards your age specific directors.

Andover Baseball 9-12U Director: Ryan Pieri 763-438-4188

ABA Scheduling / Umpire Director: Jason Anderson 763-291-1120

ARAA Senior House Director: Phil Hammermeister 507-440-1545

ARAA Commissioner: Dan Dow 612-236-6745

Soderville Baseball Director: Eric Potthoff 763-360-5553

Rum River Umpires Contact: Bob Dreyer 763-218-5244

GT Officials Contact (**11/12U Soderville Interleague Games ONLY**): Gale Hensler 612-720-1822