## **Proposed New Game Format:**

- 1. A team will consist of 9-11 players with a total of four coaches, ideally each team will have 10 players.
- 2. Each evening will consist of both practice time and a game. Practice/Games are scheduled to start at 5:30 & 7:00 and are 75 minutes in length.
- 3. Practice will consist of different drills designed to develop the players baseball abilities.
- 4. Practice time will be longer in early part of the season and will decrease in length as the season progresses.
- 5. Game time will consist of at least two innings of modified baseball. Players will rotate fielding positions each inning and continuous batting orders will be used.
- 6. The coach of the batting team will present six pitches to each batter. If none of the six pitches are hit into play a tee will be brought out for the batter to use.
- 7. One half-inning will consist of a full rotation through the batting order.
- 8. There are no outs, walks, bunts, and no score shall be kept.
- 9. The last batter of the inning will be allowed to run the full bases.
- 10. Fielding players will make the throw to first, or home on the last batter even though there are no outs.

## **Proposed Updated Rules:**

- 1. All players on the roster present for the game shall bat in a continuous order. Player #1 will bat first in the first inning, Player #2 will bat first in the second inning. If player #3 bats first in the last inning of a game player #4 will bat first in the first inning of the next game. The batting order will be maintained throughout the season.
- 2. The manager of the team at bat will present the balls to the batters. The manager/pitcher shall wait until the batter and defensive team are ready before "presenting" the pitch to the batter.
- 3. The Head Coach will present pitches in the same manner to every player on the team. This means the coach will pitch underhand or overhand to every player the same. This can be changed throughout the season but cannot be changed in the game or for different players. Each batter will receive a maximum of 6 pitches to put the ball in play. The player should be notified of the sixth pitch. After the 6th pitch a batting tee will be used.
- 4. There shall be no walks or bases on hit batters.
- 5. On batted balls put into play, base runners should advance 1 base at a time. The last batter of the inning will advance all runners to home including the batter.
- 6. No attempted bunting or stealing is allowed. Base runners must remain on the base during an at-bat until the ball is struck by a batter.
- 7. Any pitcher/manager interference should be called and replayed without affecting the pitch count.
- 8. A half-inning consists 1 full rotation through the batting order. The last batter should hit and be allowed to run the full bases. Upon the batter crossing home plate the team in the field should then run to the dugout for their turn to hit.
- 9. No official game score shall be kept, there are no outs recorded. For an inning to start there must be enough time to complete a full inning before the scheduled time is up.
- 10. All players will rotate through the fielding positions. This will require prior planning by the head coach. There is no catcher position.
- 11. The Coaches may take some of team, up to and including half, aside during fielding to conduct drills.
- 12. Managers (and assistant coaches) may be on the field for the purpose of instructing the players, and may also provide assistance for players in fielding and catching.
- 13. Late arriving players can be inserted into the field between at-bats during any inning; however, the player(s) must be added to the end of the established batting order.
- 14. Games will be a minimum of 45 minutes with the exception of the first two weeks of the season.
- 15. If unplayable weather conditions occur, the game should be called at the field by agreement of the managers. Games must be called if lightning is sighted. Any games which are unplayable due to weather conditions will be rescheduled by the managers prior to year end.
- 16. Practice/Games cannot begin/resume until 30 minutes after thunder is last heard.
- 17. If poor weather has the condition of the fields in question throughout the day, coaches are responsible for checking the CAA Baseball website after 4:00 for game cancellations.

The use of profanity and/or violence from any manager, assistant coach, player, parent or spectator will cause for automatic dismissal from a game. If the ejected person fails to leave the game (premises), the game will be forfeited by the team the offending individual is affiliated with. The Baseball Operating Committee will review all ejections to determine the appropriateness of the action and determine the potential need for further action.