

## **OYAA Kid Pitch Rules**

### **Revised 5/10/11**

1. Ten players take the field. All players bat in consecutive order. If a player is batting out of order, the batting order position is ruled as an out and the proper order is re-established. The player batting out of order is not out. (We are not out to penalize the player for coaching errors).
2. A generous strike zone should be observed. Hitting is preferred to walks.
3. Chatter is permitted. Taunting is unsportsmanlike and is not permitted. Excessive or inappropriate chatter equals a team warning. Second violation results in no further chatter for the remainder of the game.
4. Each game is 5 innings. If a game is called due to the weather or darkness, that game needs to be rescheduled by the league director.
- 4A. 3 innings constitutes a complete game.
5. Games will have a two-hour time limit. No new inning is to start after 1 hour 45 minutes. Games can end in a tie.
6. Five runs maximum scored in innings 1 through 4. Maximum of 7 runs in the 5th inning.
7. No leading off! Stealing is allowed only after the pitch passes the batter on the 4th or later pitch. Stealing of 2nd base only. Runner cannot advance to third on an overthrow. No other base runners can advance on the throw. If a runner is caught off base, he is considered in play and can be thrown out. Umpires will be instructed to watch for runners leaving the base early. If a runner leaves the base early it is an immediate dead ball. If the umpire misses it or doesn't call it in a reasonable amount of time, the play goes on. There will be no appealing or discussion with the ump during the play/inning about it. You may point it out after the inning so the ump can watch for it. If the same player leaves the same base early in the same inning, he is out.
8. Free substitutions are permitted and encouraged. All players on each team should play a minimum of two to three innings per game.
- 8a. Free substitution is not permitted at pitcher. Once you replace a pitcher, he cannot pitch for the remainder of that game.
9. Bunting is permitted at any time. If a batter attempts to bunt with two strikes and the attempt goes foul, the batter is out.
10. There are no balks called in Kid Pitch.
11. Anytime there is a play at the plate, the runner must be instructed to slide. Headfirst sliding is not permitted in OYAA Kid Pitch. Any play at the plate where there is any contact from the runner not sliding will result in the runner being called out by the umpire. Any contact is defined by a strand of hair touching the catcher's shoelace. Again, it is the umpire's discretion if there is contact. Catchers are not permitted to be in the baseline if there is no throw to the plate.

12. A team will forfeit if they cannot field a minimum of 8 players. No grace time is permitted. Umpires will declare the game a forfeit at game start time. Weeknight game start time is 6:15pm. Games may be played by filling out a team with players from the other team to permit play (a forfeit is still called but the boys can play). A forfeit will be entered as a loss and will not be made up.

13. Pitchers are limited to 3 innings a game. One pitch constitutes an inning. Again, no re-entry of pitcher once he is pulled.

14. All base runners and batters must wear helmets while on the field.

15. Third strike rule is not in effect in Kid Pitch. If a catcher drops the third strike, the batter is out and no play is required at first base to ensure the out.

16. The infield fly rule is not in effect in OYAA Kid Pitch. A good faith effort is required by all infield players to catch a fly ball.

17. At the conclusion of your game, please exit the dugout as quickly as possible to permit the next team to take the field.

18. It is the HOME teams' responsibility to make sure the field is ready for game time. HOME team of the last game on a field each day is responsible for returning the bases to the shed.

19. It is each team's responsibility to clean up the dugout and spectator areas. This includes picking up all drink bottles and food wrappers. Do not leave your mess for someone else to clean up.

20. No BIG BARREL bats. Barrels over 2 ¼ inches are considered big barrel.

21. Any pitcher who hits 3 batters in one-inning OR 4 batters in one game is to be replaced for the remainder of the game.