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| <b>Ceres Youth Baseball<br/>Policies and Procedures</b> |                                       |
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### 2021 AMENDED RULES 9/10 BOYS

1. All games will be played in accordance with (A) 2021 Official Baseball Rulebook (B) the following amended rules. CYB will follow State Safety and PONY guidelines in regards to bats used, pitching rules, code of conduct, and concussion protocols.
2. In an effort to stay in compliance with local and state guidelines due to COVID-19, Parents, Spectators and Coaches must wear face masks while inside the park at all times. No Exceptions this is a fluid situation and will change as guidance is given
  
1. The base path for this division will be 65' with the pitching mound at 46' And a game time of 1 hour 45 minutes. No new inning will start after 1 hour and 30 minutes. If a game is tied after six (6) innings, additional innings utilizing the international tie breaker rule will be used, last batted out goes to 2<sup>nd</sup> base. played up to (but not exceeding the time limit). However, a game can end in a tie, and ties will count in the standings.
3. Any bat used must have the USA approved sticker or stamp.
4. Each team must have at least seven (7) players for the game to begin once lineup have been exchanged by coaches and the first pitch of the game is thrown, any additional player arriving late will be added to the bottom batting order.
5. Everyone will bat in continuous order. (ENTIRE ROSTER). If a player leaves the game before completion of the game for any reason other than ejection, they will not be called out, but they cannot return to the game. **Ten players on the field (Extra Outfielder)**
6. All players will play at least three innings in a six inning game and all players will play on defense every other inning. A player cannot sit out on defense for more than 1 inning at a time, (except for disciplinary actions that must be approved by the HUIC, or a commissioner.) or if he/she is injured or chooses not to play.
7. The umpires will determine who the head coach is prior to each game. Only the head coach displaying his/her badge can dispute a call during the game. The rulebook or amended rules must be in coach's possession (no rule book-no discussion). If the head coach doesn't have his/her badge the assistant coach be designated as the head coach for this game. **Judgment calls cannot be disputed.**
8. If all coaches do not have their badges, they have 5 minutes to find a board member to stand in for the head coach. If no board member can be found, then the game will be forfeited by that team but the game will be played for the kids' sake without umpires.

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9. Home team will be determined by official schedule prior to game. Home team will occupy the 3<sup>rd</sup> base side dugout. Home team must have a scorebook, if not then other team will be home team.
  - a. Home team will maintain official scorebook, insure sponsor names are on the score sheet. They will also maintain official pitch count in case of disputes.
  - b. Both teams will maintain a pitch count sheet for all pitchers. At the end of the game they will tally the amount for each pitcher and sign, and turn it in to umpire.
  
10. Both teams will report runs to the umpire each half inning. Umpires will maintain the game score card.
  
11. No infield before the game, players may warm up in the outfield and they may take grounders on the foul sideline.
  
12. A batter is automatically out if the bat is thrown, on the second offense. (One warning per team).
  
13. There will be one offensive timeout per inning (TOTAL) to talk to batters. There will be one defensive timeout per inning. On the second defensive time out, the pitcher must be removed.
  
14. The batter and all base runners must wear helmets. Metal cleats are not allowed.
  
15. Games ended by inclement weather, or other reasons beyond league control (lights out, rain etc.) prior to the time limit, will be considered official after 4 innings or 3 1/2 inning if the home team is in the lead. If a game is stopped prior to it being considered official, it will be suspended and resumed at a later time at the inning it stopped at. (I.e. stopped in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning, will resume in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning.)
  
16. A maximum of five (5) runs per inning will be in effect. However, the sixth inning will be an open inning with no run limitation.
  
17. Hurry up rule will be in effect meaning that the catcher can be replaced by a pinch runner with two (2) outs in the inning. The pinch runner will be the last BATTED out of the inning. If another runner is used, and a pitch is thrown, then the runner will be called out & inning ended. It is the batting team's responsibility to make sure the correct player is used as the pinch runner. The opposing team must inform the umpire of the error during that inning. If the defensive team does not catch the mistake till later in game, the outcome of that inning stands.

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18. Stealing is allowed. Runners can advance on passed or overthrown balls. Balks will be called and explained to the kids in the first ½ half of the season. **Drop 3<sup>rd</sup> strike is in effect** . Second ½ if season balks will be enforced. If a balk is called the play is dead.
19. No intentional contact (during close play), with a base runner will be allowed. Instigator can be called out, or thrown out. The call may be reversed at the discretion of the umpire.
20. Pitchers will be allowed to pitch 3 innings MAX in a game and 8 innings MAX in a seven day period.
21. A maximum of five (5) pitches will be allowed between innings. When changing pitchers, 8 pitches maximum will be allowed.
22. Infield fly rule will not be in effect.
23. A 15 run slaughter after 4 rule or 10 run slaughter rule will be in effect after 5 innings or 4 1/2 if home team is leading.
24. If a coach is ejected from the game for any reason, that coach will not be allowed to coach in their next scheduled game
25. **If a player is ejected from the game, his position on the batting order will remain vacant and will produce an out every inning his turn at bat comes up. The player must stay in the dugout or leave the facility at the umpire's discretion, and will not be allowed to play his next scheduled game. If more than one player or one parent is ejected, then the head coach will also be ejected. Parents ejected will have to leave the ball park.**
26. Fake tags on base runners will be considered an obstruction.
27. No coach is allowed on the baseball field at any time with open toe shoes.
28. The head coach or the assistant coach must wear team shirt and badges at all games.
29. A base runner cannot steal home but may advance if a play is made at the other basis or on a passed ball. No suicide squeezes allowed.
30. Head first slides are not allowed on any base due to safety reasons unless returning back to base. The runner will be called out if he/she does. No questions asked.
31. No more than two coaches allowed on field when on offense, all other times coaches will remain in the dugout.
32. If a player has to sit out due to injury, then the player will sit out for at least ½ inning for evaluation unless he is taken out the rest of the game and everyone moves up one on the batting order.

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