

2020 SUMMARY RULES SHEET – FOR PRE-GAME USED DATED 2/14/20  
(SUMMARY ONLY, THE COMPLETE RULES ARE BINDING)

1. BAT RULES (SEE PAGE 1 OF THE RULES):

**ALL LEVELS:** All bats are allowed that have a USA BASEBALL OR USSSA STAMP or are STAMPED BPF of 1.15. ALL bats must meet the size / weight reqs established for each age group. 2 3/4 inch diameter barrel bats are allowed for ages 9 – 14. 8U allows a 2 ¼ diameter.

2. DISCOVERY OF AN ILLEGAL BAT (SEE PAGE 7 OF THE RULES):

AN ILLEGAL BAT MAY BE DETERMINED UPON AN APPEAL OR AN UMPIRES CALL ONCE THE BATTER HAS ENTERED THE BATTER'S BOX WITH THE BAT. THE ILLEGAL BAT THEREFORE MAY BE DISCOVERED FROM THIS POINT IN TIME FORWARD, UP UNTIL THE FIRST PITCH OF THE IMMEDIATELY SUBSEQUENT AT BAT OCCURS. ALL OUTCOMES ARE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLETE RULES.

3. STALLING (SEE PAGE 5 OF THE RULES):

NO TEAM SHALL PURPOSEFULLY DELAY ANY GAME WITH THE INTENT OF GAINING AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE. THE UMPIRE IN CHIEF IS THE SOLE JUDGE AS TO WHETHER INTENTIONAL DELAYS ARE BEING MADE. AN OFFENDING TEAM WILL BE GIVEN A WARNING FOLLOWED BY AN AUTOMATIC FORFEITURE FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION.

4. MERCY RULE (SEE PAGE 8 OF THE RULES):

FOR ALL DIVISIONS THE MERCY RULE IS 10 RUNS AFTER 4 FULL INNINGS OR 3.5 INNINGS IF THE HOME TEAM IS LEADING.

5. SLIDING (SEE PAGES 8, 9, AND 10 OF THE RULES):

HEAD FIRST SLIDES INTO A BAG ARE **NOT** ALLOWED IN ANY DIVISION BUT PONY 14 AND THEN HEAD FIRST SLIDES ARE NOT ALLOWED INTO HOME PLATE. AN ILLEGAL HEAD FIRST SLIDE WILL RESULT IN THE RUNNER BEING CALLED OUT.

6. BALKS (SEE PAGES 12 AND 13 OF THE RULES)

7. CURVE BALLS (SEE PAGE 12 OF THE RULES)

ALLOWED **ONLY** AT THE PONY LEVEL. AT ALL OTHER DIVISIONS PITCHERS MAY NOT DELIBERATELY THROW A BREAKING BALL. THE UMPIRE SHALL BE THE **SOLE** DETERMINER OF WHETHER A PITCH IS A DELIBERATE BREAKING BALL OR NOT. VIOLATIONS ARE A DEAD BALL AND AUTOMATIC CALLED BALL.

8. LOCAL RULES (SEE PAGES 5 AND 6 OF THE RULES):

THE LEAGUE RECOGNIZES THE RIGHT OF COMMUNITIES TO SET LOCAL RULES (TIME LIMIT OF GAME, BAT RULES, TIME LIGHTS ARE TURNED OFF, ETC.). THESE RULES **MUST** BE DISCUSSED PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME.

9. PITCHING RULES (SEE PAGES 11 AND 12 OF THE RULES)

**PITCHING LIMITS AND REST REQUIREMENTS** ARE NOW BASED ON PITCH COUNT. EACH TEAM **MUST** MAINTAIN A **PITCHING RECORD** FOR THE ENTIRE REGULAR SEASON AND PRESENT IT TO THE OPPOSING TEAM PRIOR TO EACH GAME.

OTHER MATTERS:

> 8U has a 2-hour time limit for games (no new inning after 2 hours).

> 10A plays dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strikes, lead offs, 65 foot bases, and have NO wall at 3<sup>rd</sup>.

> Stealing at the 8U and 9U levels Are subject to specific rules. Be sure to review these before game time. (SEE PAGE 8 OF THE RULES)