

2021 SUMMARY RULES SHEET – FOR PRE-GAME USE DATED 1/13/21
(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)

3. STALLING (SEE PAGE 5 OF THE RULES)

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

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

HEAD FIRST SLIDES INTO ANY BASE ARE **NOT** ALLOWED IN ANY DIVISION EXCEPT FOR THE PONY DIVISION (ALL 13 AND 14U) WHERE HEAD FIRST SLIDES ARE ALLOWED INTO ANY BASE. AN ILLEGAL HEAD FIRST SLIDE (8 TO 12U ONLY) 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 (E.G. TIME LIMIT OF GAME, BAT RULES, TIME LIGHTS ARE TURNED OFF, FIELD SPECIFIC RULES, ETC.). THESE RULES **MUST** BE DISCUSSED PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME.

9. PITCHING RULES / SUSPENDED GAME 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.

10. MOUND VISITS FOR 8 AND 9U:

THREE MOUND VISITS (INSTEAD OF 2) ARE NOW ALLOWED AT THE 8 AND 9U LEVELS.

OTHER MATTERS:

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

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

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

> Roster substitutions (Call Ups) should be discussed with the opposing coach. Call Ups may only play in the outfield and must bat last in the batting order.