

Boys 9/10 Year Old Rules For Closed Rec. League
Northwest Perry and Tuslaw Communities

1. All play will be governed by American League Rules with the exceptions identified in these local rules.
2. The strike zone is from the top of the batters shoulders to the top of the knees when the batter assumes a natural batting position.
3. **Any player may pitch for a maximum of twelve (12) outs or four (4) innings per game. Whichever comes first will be the limiting criteria. Furthermore, no pitcher may pitch more than eight (8) innings in a seven (7) day period where one out equals 1/3 inning. There is no extension to these limits for extra innings.
Exceptions: A double or triple play is made before the pitcher can be taken out. These outs will not apply to his weekly inning totals.
Penalty: If the offended team discovers and verifies that an opposing pitcher has exceeded his legal number of outs or batters while the game is in progress, it shall be brought to the umpire's attention. The following occurs:
 - a. The offended manager must decide whether he prefers to resume the game at the point where the pitcher became illegal, or to allow all actions, both offensive and defensive, to stand and continue the game with legal pitchers from the current point.
 - b. The manager of the offending team is ejected from this game and his next scheduled game. Should the offense be discovered after the game ends, handle this like a formal protest. If the protest is then upheld, the game will be replayed from the point of infraction and manager ejections will apply as stated above.**Note:** Managers are to instruct their scorekeepers to communicate between each half inning and at pitching changes to insure that identical tallies of batters and outs are kept for each pitcher. This rule is meant to protect the kids but not to give one team an advantage due to accounting.
4. Only the starting pitcher may be removed and reinserted in the pitching position once in the game.
Penalty: Manager expulsion from the game.
5. **No team shall score more than five (5) runs in any one inning except for the final inning when a maximum of eight (8) runs can be scored. If in the event during a game, it becomes mathematically impossible for the losing team to win based on the available innings left, the game is over. If enough innings have been played to constitute a legal game, the game is officially over and the final score remains as it stands at that point. Last inning called from the umpire is considered final inning and the eight (8) run rule is in effect.
6. **Games shall last for seven (7) innings with a legal game being four (4) innings (or 3 _ innings if the home team is ahead).
7. The distance between bases should be 60 feet.
8. The distance from the tip of home plate to the front side of the pitchers plate shall be forty-six (46) feet.
9. Runners may not leave bases until the ball is hit or has crossed home plate. Once the pitcher has the ball on the mound and is in a pitching stance, there will be no advancing of bases.
Penalty: If the umpire sees a base runner leading off or leaving the base prior to the pitch being hit, he/she shall:
 - a. Immediately call "no pitch".
 - b. Rule the ball dead and call the offending runner out.

- c. Return any other base runners that may have advanced during the “no pitch” to their last occupied base.
 - d. The batter shall continue his/her at bat with any count he/she had prior to the last pitch.
10. Each player available for a game will be inserted to the original batting order and will bat regardless if he/she is playing in the field or not.
 - Penalty:** Forfeit of game and a one game manager suspension.
 - Exception:** Injured player who has been taken out of the game.
 11. **There will be no stealing of home except on a passed ball, wild pitch, or a play is made on the would be base runner. Passed ball or wild pitch is considered to be that the catcher has to leave the catchers box to retrieve. The runner may NOT steal home when the catcher releases the ball to the pitcher unless the ball thrown back to the pitcher was a wild throw.
 - Penalty:** The play is dead and the runner is out.
 12. The batter is out on a dropped third strike.
 13. If a game is called for darkness, it is official if four (4) innings (or 3 _ if the home team is ahead).
 14. Coaches must pitch a nine-year-old one (1) inning every game, before the end of the 4th inning.
 - Penalty:** One (1) game suspension for the head coach.
 15. The infield fly rule is in effect.
 16. Runners may only steal one base per pitch. If the catcher over throws a play on a base stealer the base stealer may only advance one base from the base that the runner started at before the pitch was made.
 17. **There will be no delayed steals. Runner must commit to one base or the other.
 18. **On ball four (4) there will be no continous walks. (Runner will be awarded first base only and can not continue around the base and go to 2nd base.)
 19. **Each team will consist of eight (8) players minimum and ten (10) players maximum. Four of the ten will be considered outfielders and must be at least five (5) feet behind the cut of the grass.
 20. No new inning can start after the 2 hour time limit. This is the umpires call and is final.
 21. No player can be out of the defensive rotation 2 consecutive innings.

This is a new league and these rules were made up from the combined communities for the best interest of the kids. Managers please do your best to make this a fun and learning league. If you have an issue or would like to recommend a rule change for next year please see your league representative or call:

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