

BOYS AGES 13 & 14 MAJOR
AGES: 13 AND 14 AS OF 8 / 1 / 2019

OBJECTIVE: To provide a structured league for competitive play combined with sportsmanship, skill development and team work.

***PITCHING DISTANCE - 54 FEET**

***BASE DISTANCE - 80 FEET**

***SOME FIELDS MAY BE 60'6" PITCHING AND 90' BASES**

***CONTINUOUS BATTING ORDER (ALL PRESENT WILL BAT)**

***GAMES WILL BE SEVEN INNINGS WITH A 2 HOUR TIME LIMIT**

***AN OFFICIAL BASEBALL (DOL-A) WILL BE USED**

***STEALING IS ALLOWED**

1. This league will adhere to the rules as published in the 2019 High School Baseball Rules book, published by the National Federation of High School Athletic Associations, except where modified herein.
2. This league was designed to provide players with a structured league for competitive play combined with sportsmanship, skill development and teamwork.
3. **PARTNERING COMMUNITIES:** Partnering community's softball programmers are responsible for submitting scores for games played on their fields. The coaches do not need to submit any game scores to Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors.
4. Teams will play a minimum of 10 games, including playoffs.
5. Official score and standings will be kept; a "Playoff Champion" will be recognized.
6. Coaches are encouraged to ensure all players the opportunity to play a number of positions and approximately the same amount of playing time.
7. Continuous batting order (all present bat).
8. Half innings will conclude with the third out or 10 runs, whichever comes first.
9. **Catchers must be equipped with athletic supporter and catcher helmet, mask, shin guards, and chest protector. Without this, the player is ineligible to catch.**
10. No base appeals. The umpire will initiate any ruling on a runner who has missed a base.
11. Bats must be metal/aluminum. The High School bat rule will not be enforced.
12. Stealing is allowed.
13. Teams must start and finish with a minimum of 8 players. If a team does not have enough players to play an official game a loss will be recorded for the forfeiting team. A scrimmage may be played, however, it will not be recorded in the standings and umpires are not required to officiate the scrimmage game. If you start with 8 players, the 9th position is **not** an out. Late players are to be added to the end of the batting order.
14. No new inning may begin after 1 hour and 50 minutes have elapsed from the time the game started. If an inning is already in play at this time period, the FULL inning will finish, UNLESS the home team is winning. Site supervisors will rule on game time.
15. Coaches are encouraged to rotate pitching duties amongst more than one or two players. **A pitcher may**

pitch a maximum of seven innings every two consecutive games. Rain out will not affect this rule.

- a. One pitch constitutes one inning for purposes of pitching limits.
- b. Once a player has been removed as a pitcher, he may not return to pitch in that game.
- c. Umpires will document pitched innings.

16. Mercy Rule:

- a. 10 Runs after 5 innings or 4 ½ innings if home team is winning.

17. Balks:

- a. If a balk is called by an umpire, one warning will be given to the pitcher.
- b. After the warning, umpires will enforce the full balk rule.
- c. Toward the end of the season, IF BOTH coaches agree, warnings do not have to be given and the full balk rule can apply.