

Hicksville Baseball Association

BOYS FARMS – 8 YR. OLDS 2006

General

- a. The use of sleeves, donuts and/or hitting wands is not permitted.
- b. If a game is cancelled on the complex fields, you might be asked to move your game to the complex field.
- c. Accident reports are to be filled out in case of injury and director must be notified.
- d. Abuse of umpires will not be tolerated.
- e. There will be end of season evaluation so please keep an accurate book.
- f. There will be no standings. A playoff structure will be implemented. There will be a playoff winner and a pin game winner.
- g. The managers will select an 8 yr. old tournament team, with the director and Boys' President the having final say.
- h. There is NO smoking around the children.

Safety and Uniforms

- a. All players must wear cups during games and practices.
- b. Batters and base runners must wear helmets.
- c. Complete uniforms must be worn.
- d. The batter is the only one who should have a bat in his hands. There is no on-deck position.
- e. At first sign of lightning, the game is over and everyone must leave the field.
- f. Players are to stay on the bench during games.

Field

- a. The distance from the pitching rubber to the back point of home plate will be 33 feet. We will move it back to 38 feet during the second half of the season if the manager feels the pitcher can throw from that distance without hurting himself.
- b. First and third base will be 60 feet from the back of home plate.
- c. The standard 17-inch plate will be used.
- d. Only the flat bases with the double first base will be used.

Hitting

- a. Universal batting order.
- b. No bunting allowed.
- c. Throwing the bat gets an initial warning. Second time batter will be called out.
- d. A batter who attempts to swing at a pitch and is hit will not be awarded first base and a strike will be assessed.
- e. Catcher does not have to hold onto the third strike.
- f. An inning will end after either 3 outs or once through the batting order.

Base Running

- a. Stealing: third base only (maximum 2 per inning. **The runner is not to advance in the event of an overthrow by the catcher.**
- b. Fielders must yield the base path to the runners unless making a play.
- c. No head first slides.
- d. No infield fly rule.
- e. There will be no unnecessary running around the bases.
- f. No tagging up.
- g. The Pete Rose rule is in effect.

Pitching

- a. A pitcher may only pitch a maximum of 2 innings per game, 6 per week. Pitchers must have 1 full day rest between outings.
- b. The delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched 1 inning.
- c. **PITCHERS MAY NOT THROW MORE THAN 50 PITCHES PER GAME.**
- d. A removed pitcher may not re-enter the game as a pitcher.
- e. If a pitcher hits 3 batters in an inning or 5 in a game, he is to be removed.
- f. After a pitcher allows 4 walks, there will be no additional walks allowed. Any batter, who goes to ball 4, will have the coach pitch to him and he will get 3 swings. If he does not put the ball in play, he is out.

Field/Plavers

- a. A player must play at least 3 innings per game. **EACH PLAYER MUST PLAY 2 INNINGS IN THE INFIELD EACH GAME.**
- b. TEN players are allowed on the field using 4 outfielders.
- c. Encourage players to play the outfield.
- d. One coach/manager will be allowed on the field (**OUTFIELD ONLY**).

Managers & Coaches

- a. Each team will have 1 manager and 2 coaches who will participate in the games.
- b. Only the manager may converse with the umpire regarding the rules.
- c. **Managers/Coaches are not to influence umpires calls. You should help teach an umpire at this level.**
- d. Managers and coaches are responsible for the behavior of the players and parents. Any abuse of an umpire will not be tolerated.
- e. **Managers must keep players and parents from behind backstop.**
- f. The home team is responsible for the return of all equipment to its **proper** place in the shed.

Any questions regarding this policy or if there is anything you need help with on the field, please feel free to give me a call or see me at the field.

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