

## **2022 8u Boys/Girls Baseball/Softballs rules**

- 1) Game Time Will Be 1hr 15 mins(Finish the inning out) or 6 innings. Game Time will ALWAYS start from the completion of the pre game meeting.
- 2) Coach Pitchers MUST keep at least one foot in the pitcher's circle until the ball leaves their hand. Upon a batted ball the Coach Pitcher must remove themselves from the play however they can without impeding or interfering with the Defensive Team. If a Batted Ball hits a Coach Pitcher , it will be Left to the UMPIRES JUDGMENT to decide if there was a chance for the coach pitcher to remove themselves from the play or not. In the event the Umpire deems that the coach had no chance to get out of the way it will be called a dead ball and the pitch will be repeated. If the Umpire deems that the Coach made no effort to remove themselves and could have, the batter will be called out and the Coach Pitcher will be given a Warning. If this happens again with the same Coach Pitcher. They will no longer be allowed to Pitch in that game. Coach Pitcher's will be allowed to Pitch from their knee as long as the knee on the Ground is inside the circle.
- 3) ALL teams will be Required to Play 10 players in the Field and bat at least all the Players that are fielding. A continuous batting order is acceptable as well..
- 4) Teams with less than 10 players present will be forced to take an out for each absent player under 10 players unless agreed upon otherwise between opposing coaches at the plate meeting.
- 5) 7 Players are required to play otherwise it will be an automatic forfeit
- 6) Each batter will be given 5 pitches. Unless they strike out swinging or put the ball in play otherwise. If the 5th pitch is a foul ball the batter will continue until they either strike out or put the ball in play. NO Bunting. If a player bunts it will be called a dead ball and pitch will be repeated.
- 7) NO intentional walks or walks of any kind
- 8) If a base coach is seen by the UMPIRE touching or "guiding a baserunner by force" the runner will be called out and Coach Warned. Upon a second time with the same coach, said coach will not be allowed to coach from the field for the rest of the game.
- 9) Defensive team coaches shall not leave the area outside the dimensions of the dugout out to the foul line on their side of the field.
- 10) Fielders Must stop the lead runner or the umpire Deem the lead runner is settled at a base to call time after each play if there are runners behind the lead runner umpires judgment will decide based on where the runners were at the time of his\hers ``time out" call. As to what base they are awarded. . Once the Ball is in the circle Base Runners are not permitted to come off the base until there is a batted ball. In the event a base runner leaves early on a pitch or does not tag up for a caught fly ball they will be called out.
- 11) While batting all players must remain in the dugout unless they are occupying a base, batting, or on deck.
- 12) If a batter bats out of order - the first time will be a warning, the batter will be replaced by the correct batter and given the same ball and strike count. The second time will be an out.
- 13) ANY FAN/COACH/PLAYER/PARENT SHOWING GROSS UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT WILL BE FORCED TO LEAVE THE PARK AND SUBJECT TO SUSPENSION OR WORSE DEPENDING ON THE SEVERITY OF THEIR ACTIONS.
- 14) Ejections: it is USSSA rule that if a player ,parent or fan of a team gets ejected the head coach must also be ejected along with player , parent or fans ,child or parent. MGCBP reserves the right to implement suspensions and stipulations to persons ejected from games, and the umpire will also have a say in when you get to return.