

2019

Harrison County Baseball Rules

The Official Regulations and Playing Rules for all divisions of Little League Baseball Book shall be followed. All teams must play under Little League rules or stand to forfeit their game. The following rules apply to all divisions:

1. Each team will try to make a team from their own town but if this not possible they may go to the Board for approval to pick up players from the surrounding area. Once a player has signed with a team the player must remain on that team's roster.
2. Each player must play on the team that is within the school district in which they reside or the school district they attend within the boundary area unless they get permission from the Board to play on another team.
3. Managers are responsible for making sure that each player has submitted a parents' authorization form and the league fees.
4. Each team should wear shirts of the same color with numbers on the back. Player's name is optional. (1.11)
5. Home plate umpire and official score book is to be provided by the home team. Each team will also provide a base umpire.
6. Home team provides the game balls.
7. Any team unable to field 7 players will automatically forfeit the game. The game still may be played as a practice game; however, pitch count rules still apply. A team will not take penalties for playing with 7 or 8 players during regular season. However, during tournament play an out will be incurred.
8. No batting practice on the field may be taken before a game. The visiting team may take the field 10 minutes prior to the start of the game for a 5 minute warm-up. In case of a late start the warm-up time will be at the discretion of the home plate umpire.
9. The base coaches may be managers, coaches, or players of the team.
10. Make-up games are to be arranged by the home team manager. Opposing team is to be contacted within two weeks and given a minimum of two dates for possible make-up of game being rescheduled. The team unable to reschedule will forfeit the game. If all attempts made to reschedule a make-up game prior to the tournament fail because of inclement weather or shortage of field availability neither team will be penalized when teams are seeded for the tournament.
11. No father, mother or any other sibling can umpire home plate in a tournament game. During the regular season all teams should try to follow the same rule if possible.
12. Managers or coaches may not warm-up a pitcher at home plate between innings or before the game. (3.09)
13. Every rostered player present at the start of the game will participate in each game for a minimum of six (6) defensive outs and bat at least one (1) time (Regulation IV Section (i)).
14. Any player who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day (Regulation VI Section (a)).

Tournament Rules

All tournament rules and guidelines found on pages T1 – T26 in the 2017 Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules will be followed with the following exception:

Regular season time limits on games will be enforced unless a tie needs to be broken.

If a team plays with less than 9 players, an out will be taken for each missing player in the line-up.

Machine Pitch League

**Machine Pitch League will begin on May 6, 2019.
Machine Pitch League Tournament will be held at
Princeton the week of June 17, 2019.**

1. Bases are 60 feet. Pitching mound is 46 feet.
2. A pitching machine is used to pitch the ball by an adult. A defensive player must be stationed in the circle by the adult. The adult is not allowed to touch the ball (except to put it in the machine).
3. The pitching machine should NOT be adjusted except at the ½ inning. The ONLY exception is if both head coaches and home plate umpire deem the pitches “unhittable.”
4. **Each team will provide a base umpire. An umpire behind home plate is optional during regular season play. A home plate umpire will be provided during tournament play.**
5. A Flexi-ball will be used.
6. Games will be 4 innings or 1 hour time limit, whichever occurs first. No innings may start after this time. Ties **are allowed** at the conclusion of the inning.
7. There will be no stealing what so ever. There will be 5 total pitches per child, or three swinging strikes. No walks allowed. Batter hits or swings out. If the batter hits a foul with a count of two strikes, then another pitch must be thrown until the last batter swings out or hits a fair ball.
8. All other Minor League rules apply to the Machine Pitch League.
 - a. The batting order consists of the entire roster. Every player must have a turn at bat before the initial batter receives a second turn, or that player is out of the game or it is counted as an out.
 - b. A change of sides occurs when 3 outs occur, or 10 batters have batted in the same inning, whichever comes first.
 - i. The bating team announces 10th batter before the 1st pitch.
 - ii. If no notice is given, sides are changed.
 - iii. 10th batter will be the first batter next inning.
 - iv. 10th batter must hit or strike out.
 - v. On 10th batter, a player must have ball in hand and step on home plate to end inning.
 - c. The catcher does not have to catch the third strike (Rule 7.09).
 - d. One base on an overthrow. The base being attempted plus one base at the runner's risk, if the runner goes and is thrown out is will count as an out. If that base is also over thrown the player can not advance to the next base until next pitch. Only one base total.