

## COLLEGE League: Rules of Play

- 1) Nine players are in the field: Pitcher, catcher, 4 infielders at correct positions and 3 out fielders.
- 2) All players must hit. Once through the lineup, the starting first hitter will then begin.
- 3) Umpires are volunteers, please show respect to their calling of the games. Strike zones may be slightly wider to encourage swings. Coaches' willingness to ensure this is greatly appreciated. If a parent or coach does volunteer to umpire, it is recommended to do so from behind the plate. Equipment is available at the snack bar.
- 4) Team is retired after 3 outs.
- 5) Players will pitch during the season.
  - Any one pitch from the mound including a warm-up pitch constitutes one inning pitched.
  - A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 6 innings per week
  - 1-2 innings pitched in a game require one days rest
  - 3 innings pitched in a game require 2 days rest
  - 3+ innings pitched in a game require 3 days rest
  - If there are 2 hit batsman in the same inning a pitcher must be removed
  - Maximum of 3 hit batsman in one game and a pitcher must be removed
- 6) Coaches will be allowed to stand with pitcher on the mound.
- 7) Pitchers may use the closer mound if needed (of the 2).
- 8) After 3 walks in a consecutive inning, coaches are to monitor the pitcher to ensure the innings move at regular pace. 3 strikes will indicate an out.
- 9) There is no stealing allowed
- 10) Mouth guards are optional, and can be found at the snack bar if needed. Batting helmets with cages are also included in each team's equipment.
- 11) Bunting is allowed
- 12) Tagging up on a fly ball is allowed
- 13) The infield fly rule is in effect,
- 14) Playing Time: Each player must player in the field
- 15) Free substitution is allowed since all players will hit.
- 16) We are playing the slide or avoid rule, but must use this time to teach how this rule applies to the game. All plays made on a runner at home plate – the runner must slide or be called out.
- 17) Five run rule – The inning is over after 5 runs are scored by a team except if it is the last inning (coaches must agree in advance of starting an inning that it will be the last inning)
- 18) First half of the season, no inning will start after 7:30
- 19) Second half of the season, no inning will start after 7:45
- 20) Any player swearing is to be removed from the game immediately.
- 21) The Home team is responsible for game balls (2) and raking the field following the game.

