* **2023 Minor Boys Rules**

**Harlan/Hoagland/Monroeville/Woodburn**

1. The home team must supply one new DLL-1 (or equivalent) game ball. The visiting team will supply one good ball for backup.

1. Baselines will be 60 feet, with pitching rubbers set at 46 feet.

1. 1 hour and 45-minute time limit per game. For the purposes of time, the next inning begins at the time of the third out in the bottom of the previous inning. Any inning that starts after 1 hour and 30 minutes will be considered the last inning unless the game is tied, in which case one inning will be played to break the tie.\*\*\*\*2023 Revision\*\*\*\* If the game is still tied after one extra inning, then that game will be rescheduled and resumed from the point where the game stopped. If however there is not a game scheduled after the tied game (or if it is the last game of the night) the game may be played out for up to two and half hours, until the tie is broken. If the game is still tied after two and half hours the game will be rescheduled and resumed from the point at which the game stopped.

1. A team must have a minimum of eight (8) players to start and (9) players by the beginning of the 2nd inning or the game will be declared a forfeit. If needed, teams may bring up players from the 8U Prep leagues. Using players from another minor team is not allowed. \*\*Call ups cannot pitch

1. There is a 15-run rule after 4 innings, and a 10-run rule after 5 innings.

1. The infield fly rule does not apply to the minor boy’s league.

1. The “dropped third strike” rule will not apply to this league.

1. Eight runs or three outs, (whichever comes first), will constitute the end of an inning. There will be unlimited runs in the last inning and will be determined and agreed upon by the umpires and coaches before the start of said inning. If regular game time expires prior to the umpire announcing the last inning, the game is complete.

1. One (1) official pitch will constitute one (1) official inning.

1. Pitchers are allowed to pitch three innings per game and a total of six innings in a calendar week, (Monday – Sunday). Pitched innings limit will stand regardless of make-up games. Six innings pitched per week, and nine per tournament. In addition to innings, a pitch count will also be in place. \*\*\*\* A pitcher who has thrown more than 50 pitches in a single game must have a rest of 2 total days before pitching again. No more than 65 pitches total shall be pitched in a game. A pitcher who has thrown 65 pitches in a game must have a rest period of 4 total days. There is a 95-pitch maximum per week for any pitcher. If a player hits a pitch limit in the middle of an at bat, the remaining pitches will not go against their pitch total if they are replaced immediately following the faced batter. (Example, a player hits 50 pitches with a 2-0 count on a batter. They can finish the batter and if the total pitches go above 50, it will only count for a 50 total pitch count game.) Coaches are responsible for tracking pitch counts and shall report the numbers with the opposing coach or umpire after the game and have a pitch validation sheet signed by either one for validation. If a coach shows up to a game without their pitch validation sheet from the previous game signed for validation, any pitcher for that team will have a 20-pitch count maximum for that game. \*\*\*\* (2022 Revision) A week is constituted as Monday through Sunday. One legal pitch in an inning constitutes a full inning pitched. A pitcher removed from the mound (and a replacement pitcher delivers a legal pitch) may not return for the remainder of the game. \*\*\*\* (2022 Revision)

1. Once a pitcher has been pulled, they may not return to the game as a pitcher.

1. There are no balks in the minor league.

1. Base runners may steal any base but not until after the pitched ball has crossed home plate. Base runners may not steal while the pitcher has control of the ball on the mound with one foot on the rubber. If the runner is committed to the next base, approximately halfway (umps discretion) before the pitcher reaches the rubber, the runner may proceed to steal the next base. Lead offs are not permitted. Team will receive a warning for first offense and the runner will be returned to the base they were stealing from. 2nd team warning for lead off or leaving early will result in the runner called out.
2. Runners must avoid contact, they do not have to slide if there is a play being made on them. \*\*\*\*2023 Revision\*\*\*\* Intentionally running over or into other players is not permitted! For the safety of the players, headfirst sliding is not allowed when advancing to a base but is when diving back to a base.

1. Each player is required to play three (3) full innings of defense and bat once in a full six inning game. Minor boys will bat through the roster. Teams will play with ten players on the field with six in the infield and four in the outfield. Except for the pitcher, there will be free substitutions when teams are on defense.

1. There is a no slash rule. The batter may not square to bunt or “show bunt”, pull back and then take a full swing. If this occurs the batter will be out.

1. The batter will be warned for throwing the bat. The second infraction of the same player will result in the batter being declared out and all runners being returned to their previous bases.

1. USA stamped big barrels’ bats are allowed. Barrel size and drop weight are not a factor. 2 1/4 bats are still allowed. (2019 Amendment)

\*\*\*All bats to be used in the game will be lined up along the fence at the beginning of the game for umpire inspection.

 \*\*\*Big barrel bats without the USA stamp will be grounds for coach and player ejection.

1. If a sick or injured player leaves the game and a substitute is not available, that position in the batting order will be skipped and will not count as an out. The injured/sick player may not return to the game and may be replaced by any available player on the roster.

1. First and second place league and tournament trophies (or other awards) only, will be awarded. League standings are based on the following: team’s overall record, head-to-head record, defensive runs allowed, offensive runs allowed. Coaches are responsible for reporting game scores to the division representative or “rep”. The division rep will gather and maintain standings for tournament seeding. (2019 Revision) These standings are only against teams in that league.

1. There will be no “coaches’ option” regarding these rules! \*\*\* Coaches who agree to override any

 general rule or league rule will result in an automatic forfeit \*\*\* (2022 Revision)