

## **2009 Centennial AAA House Rules**

Use the Little League Baseball Rulebook.

**\*Most teams are using carded umpires (when available) for their games now. Whether a parent or carded umpire is officiating, please have a plate meeting approximately 5 minutes before the start time to discuss any local rules or to ensure everyone understands the rules that follow. Remember many of these young umpires are just starting out and our division is an excellent starting point. They will make mistakes, so will the kids and so will the coaches!! Express and insist on patience, especially with the parents whom these umpires are saving from having to go behind the plate!! Note: generally home team arranges the plate umpire (whom is paid \$20 cash at the end of the game by the home team). Base umpires are usually parents from the home team.**

### **Be Safe, Have FUN !!**

- Steals are allowed once the pitch crosses the plate – no lead offs.
- All players bat in rotation until 3 outs or the 5 run maximum rule is reached
- Only 9 players on the field (no parents). Substitutions according to Little League rules.
- Players arrive late – add to the bottom of the batting order
- Maximum 5 run rule applies, with the exception of the open inning (last inning)
- Games times: the open (last) inning should be declared 90 minutes from the beginning of the game. (ex. A 6:30pm weeknight start would have the open inning declared at 8:00pm (give or take 10 minutes)
- In the event of injury – timeout is called right away. Runners will be placed at the bases they were going to at the time of the injury. Umpires have sole authority on this.
- **Pitching week goes Sunday to Saturday**  
**League Age 10 & Under – Maximum pitches allowed per day: 75**  
**The only exception to this is if a pitcher reaches 75 pitches, he can finish the batter he's pitching to.**
- Pitching rest requirements (must be adhered to and will be tracked by Commissioner)

**Player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no calendar day of rest is required before pitching again.**

**Player pitches 21-40 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.**

**Player pitches 41-60 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.**

**Player pitches 61 or more pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.**

**\*\*NOTE: New rule: A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game CANNOT play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.**

- Each team is responsible for maintaining a pitch count sheet every game (for both teams) and the pitch count worksheets can be found on the Centennial website ([www.centenniallittleleague.org](http://www.centenniallittleleague.org)) under “pitch count log”
- Coaches and Players may warm up a pitcher while the catcher gets his equipment on, however, Players must wear a mask at all times !
- Warm-up pitches do NOT count towards the pitch count log
- Absolutely, no On-Deck batting circle for AAA – safety reasons
- No head first slide into a forwarding base. Can dive head first back to the last bag
- All Rainouts or Cancelled games should be scheduled through the Commission of your division. Notify the Commissioner when you plan to play. The Commissioner will track to prevent double bookings of diamonds
- All pitching and game details must be e-mailed to the Commissioner within 24 hours of the end of the game (NOTE: on the Centennial website, there is a “Submit Scores” sheet which you need to use and it will be emailed directly to the Commissioner who will track the pitch counts/game scores).
- Mercy rule in effect, 10 run lead after 4 innings, 3+1/2 if home team is ahead.

- Fair Play Rule – rotate positions based on need, ability and player desire. Teams should try to attain equal infield/outfield teams. Note: all stat sheets have been emailed to each coach for tracking purposes
- SAFETY FIRST !!!
- Slide or Avoid Rule – a player MUST slide at home, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> if there is a play at said base. A player MUST avoid contact if the catcher or baseman has had to move up the line or off the base.
- A player throwing his/her bat will be given a warning, the next time the player will be called out.