



Lakeside Baseball Club

2017 Dirt Bag Invitational PLAYING RULES

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PITCHING

Maximum of 8 innings pitched for the tournament, the whole tournament. Three outs equal one inning.

BASERUNNING

We are playing on little league diamonds (60 ft.) so lead offs will not be allowed. Runners may advance when the ball reaches the hitting zone, which we identify as 24 inches in front of the plate. So a runner may steal when the ball reaches that area before where contact from the hitter is normally made. You may steal home on a delay steal on a throw back to the pitcher or a passed ball but you may not straight steal home.

MERCY RULES

Mercy rules will be 15 after 4, 10 after 5.

CATCHERS

Unlike little league, a player may pitch after catching 4 innings, and a pitcher may become a catcher no matter how many pitches thrown. Drop Third Strike In 11u and 12u Only

LINEUP

You may bat a continuous order or play 9 or bat 10 with an EH.

RUNNERS

You may courtesy for your catcher or pitcher with a sub from the bench, if you are not batting with a continuous order, or with the player who made the last out. The same player may not courtesy for both the catcher and the pitcher if you are not using a continuous order. In other words, you can't have a full time runner if you are using substitutions. I think most of us will use a continuous order but it is not required.

TIME LIMIT

There is a 1 hr. and 45 minute time limit on each game. The umpires will give the start time at the beginning of each game. Please have your players hustle in and out and have your defensive lineups ready.

NOTES

Lastly, we are only playing 4 games in two days, 6 inning games. We are developing players at this age. If you are

up by 20 runs, you should continue to play baseball. You may want to stop stealing third, maybe think twice about stealing home (don't do it) but your kids should not be shut down or change the way they play because another team is having a tough inning. Likewise, if you are a coach that is down by 20 runs, don't take it personally if a kid stretches a single into a double, or steals second. Every opportunity the kids get to make a play makes them better if you use the moment the right way. There is a degree of difference in the experience of the kids that will be out there this weekend. Try to recognize it, not exploit it.