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AYLL Shetland Division Rules

The Shetland Baseball division aims to give young players a positive introduction to organized baseball. The season starts with the basics of how baseball is played. The focus should be on learning the game, the defensive positions, and the basic skills of catching, fielding, throwing, hitting and running.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

The Shetland division is mainly for boys and girls that are Five (5) or Six (6) years old. There may be instances where Four (4) year old players with experience are eligible to sign up or Seven (7) year old players are placed in the Shetland division due to a potential safety risk if they were to remain in their applicable division.

DRAFT REQUIREMENTS

- The children of the manager and a maximum of two (2) coaches will be removed from the pool of registered players and placed on their respective teams.
- The remaining registered players will be placed on teams via a blind/randomized draft ensuring that each team has approximately the same number of players from each age group.

PLAYOFF REQUIREMENTS

There are no playoffs in the Shetland division.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

For games, all players must wear their:

- League issued team shirt and cap
- Baseball pants, socks, and proper shoes (gym shoes acceptable, cleats optional, no metal spikes allowed) Protective cup and athletic supporter, if applicable

WEATHER REQUIREMENTS

- No game can start or continue to be played if the “feels like” temperature is less than 40°F. AccuWeather is the official AYLL weather app.
- When lightning is sighted or when the lightning detection siren goes off, the game will be immediately suspended. Players and managers/coaches will immediately retreat to safety (e.g. car, building, etc.). Play can resume after 30 minutes of no sighted lightning or when the lightning detection all-clear siren goes off. If lightning is sighted or the lightning detection siren goes a second time, the game shall be called.
- Managers must agree to call their scheduled games due to inclement weather or field condition. If there is a disagreement, the Division Director or league president must be contacted.
- Called and suspended games may be rescheduled with the approval of the Division Director or league president.

MANAGER/COACH REQUIREMENTS

- The Home Team manager is responsible for supplying the game ball(s).
- Defensive managers/coaches should position themselves spread out in the field of play to explain to the players where the play is to be made and show them the proper fundamentals/mechanics of the game.
- Offensive managers/coaches should serve as 1st base coach, 3rd base coach, and pitcher.

FIELD REQUIREMENTS

The Home Team manager and coaches are responsible for readying the field for play and closing the field down. This includes:

- Raking before and after the game
- Chalking the batter's box and foul lines
- Placing/removing the bases and pitcher's rubber, if applicable
- Picking up trash under the benches/in the dugout (Away Team manager should help)
- Emptying the garbage cans into the dumpsters, if applicable
- The Home team shall occupy the 3rd base bench/dugout; the Away team shall occupy the 1st base bench/dugout

CALL-UP PLAYER REQUIREMENTS

There are no call-up players in the Shetland division.

SPORTSMANSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Managers, coaches, players and parents shall exhibit good sportsmanship at all times. Any action to taunt, intimidate, or degrade opposing managers, coaches, players or parents will not be tolerated.
- Players will not throw bats, helmets, or any other equipment to display anger, frustration, or displeasure. Violator may be removed from the game.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- During the at-bat, pitchers must position themselves on the glove side of the offensive manager/coach that is pitching.
- All defensive players should stay in their fielding positions until the last base runner crosses home plate (the last batter clears the bases).
- There is a mandatory slide rule. All players must avoid contact unless sliding.
- Defensive players cannot fake a tag to force a base runner to slide.
- Batting helmets must be worn by the batter, on-deck batter, and all base runners at all times when on the field of play.
- On-deck batters can warm up on the field of play but must be positioned on the same side as the player currently at-bat (i.e., right-handed batter- 3rd base side, left-handed batter – 1st base side).
- Jewelry (watches, earrings, necklaces, wrist and ankle bracelets, chains, rings, etc.) is prohibited from being worn by players during warm-ups and during games with the exception of medical alert identification.
- Food is prohibited in the dugout/bench area.
- Players with enhanced ability that pose a potential risk to the safety of other players will be assessed by the applicable Division Directors for possible re-assignment to the next division.

AYLL Antioch Baseball & Softball Shetland Division Rules:

General Play:

- Players must rotate positions each inning and should be given the opportunity to play in every position throughout the season. No player should play the same position 2 innings in a row.
- Batting: Teams will bat through entire batting order, each player taking one base per at-bat and final player clearing bases with a “homerun.” Batting order should be changed every inning to give more players the opportunity to be lead off and the home run hitter.
- Pitching: Halfway through the season (Typically first week in June), coaches will begin coach pitch. Players will be given up to 5 pitches from their own coach, if the ball is put into play, the player should hit off the tee and take their base. There are no strikes, a player can swing at every pitch.
- There are no called outs, while players should be encouraged to make the play at first, the runner will remain on base regardless of the outcome.

	Rule	Shetland Division
General	Game Length (innings)	4
	Game Length –no new inning can start after... (minutes)	75
	Official Game -Home (Visitor) (innings)	N/A
	Keep Score?	No
	Keep Standings?	No
	Playoffs?	No
	Slaughter Rule (runs/inning)	N/A
	Free Substitution?	Yes
	Umpire(s)	Defensive Coach
	Baseball Type	ROTB1 (Rawlings Soft Center Training Ball Level 1)
	Pitching Distance (feet)	N/A
	Base Distance (feet)	60
	Called Outs?	No
	½ Inning Ends After...	Bat through lineup
	Pitching	1st Pitcher
Maximum # of Pitches from 1st Pitcher		5
2nd Pitcher		Tee
Hitter's Count Carries Over?		N/A
Maximum # of Pitches for 2nd Pitcher		N/A
Called Strikes?		N/A
Called Balls?		N/A
Maximum # of Hitters hit by pitch		N/A
Maximum # of Hitters faced		N/A
Maximum # of Innings Pitched/game		N/A
Maximum # of Innings Pitched/week		N/A
# of Days Rest (for # innings pitched)		N/A
Balks?		N/A
Intentional Walks?		N/A

	Rule	Shetland Division
Batting	Base on Balls?	N/A
	Hit By Pitch?	N/A
	Strikeouts?	No
	Dropped 3 rd Strike?	N/A
	2 nd Pitcher	Tee
	Bunting?	No
	Maximum # of Bases on a Hit	1
	Maximum # of Batters/inning	Bat through lineup
	Maximum # of Runs/inning	N/A
	Bat Barrel Size (inches)	2 ¼
	Bat Length (inches)	< 33
	Bat Drop (ounces)	N/A
	Bat Standards	1.15 BPF
Base Running	Leadoffs?	No
	Can Leave Base when...	Ball is Hit
	Stealing 2 nd Base?	No
	Stealing 3 rd Base?	No
	Stealing Home?	No
	Tagging Up?	No
	Advancing on Overthrows?	No
	Interference?	No
	Courtesy Runner? (Outs)	No
Ball is Dead when...	N/A	
Fielding	# of Defensive Players on Field	All
	Consecutive Innings on Bench	0
	Total # of Innings on Bench/game	0
	Must rotate Positions during game?	Yes
	Ball is Dead when...	N/A
	Maximum # of Innings Player can play same Position	1
	Minimum # of Innings Player must play Outfield Position	2
	Minimum distance of Outfielders beyond baseline (feet)	10
	Infield Fly Rule?	No
Obstruction?	No	

QUESTIONS?

Any questions in regards to the interpretation of these rules or anything not addressed in these rules will be resolved by the Shetland Division Director or league president.