

# Kindergarten Baseball

## League Rules Highlights

- Batters are allowed 5 pitches. After that, the ball is placed on a tee for the batter to put the ball into play. Batters will not strike out or walk
- All players play in the field at all times
- Players will rotate between infield and outfield positions throughout the game
- All players will bat in order

#### 1. General Rules:

- a. This league will follow a coach pitch format for the entire season.
- b. Game times:
  - i. 1 hour and 15 minutes or 5 innings, whichever comes first
    - 1. An inning will end at 3 outs or when every player has batted, whichever comes first.
  - ii. Games are scheduled back to back so teams are allowed to use the space behind field 1 to warm up prior to their team's game.

## 2. Batting:

- a. Batters will receive 5 pitches from his/her coach.
  - i. If the ball is not hit into fair territory after 5 pitches, the ball is placed on a tee for the batter to put the ball into play.
- b. If a batter/runner is out, he/she will return to the dugout.
- c. If a batter ball hits the coach, the ball is dead and the batter is awarded first base. All other runners will move up one base.

## 3. Fielding:

- a. All defensive players will play in the field.
  - i. Positions: 1 pitcher, 4 infielders, and the remaining players in the outfield.
- b. A batted ball will remain live and in play until it is returned to the infield.
  - i. Any runner, not at least halfway to the next base must return to the previous base.

- c. When a ball is overthrown to any base, a runner can only advance if they are past the  $\frac{1}{2}$  point to the next base
- d. There will be NO "Infield Fly Rule".

## 4. Coaches:

- a. Offensively:
  - i. The team at bat will provide the coach/adult pitcher and catcher.
  - ii. Additional coaches can be positioned as follows:
    - 1. the first base coach's box.
    - 2. The third base coach's box.
    - 3. Dug-out/bench
- b. Defensively:
  - i. 1 coach may be positioned behind 2<sup>nd</sup> base to give verbal instruction, not physically help.
  - ii. 2 coaches may be positioned in the outfield to give verbal instruction, not physically help.
- c. Officiating:
  - i. The defensive coaches will serve as the base umpires.
  - ii. The offensive coach that is catching will serve as the plate umpire.

## 5. PLAYING FIELD DIMENSIONS:

- a. The Coach/Pitcher should pitch from within the pitching circle
- b. The pitcher (player) should field 30 Feet (indicated by red line)
- c. 50 Feet bases

#### **Guidelines:**

- THIS LEAGUE IS 100% INSTRUCTIONAL, FUN, & RECREATIONAL
- .....LET THE KIDS HAVE FUN AND LEARN THE GAME OF BASEBALL.
- .......No scorekeeper, No scoreboard, No standings.
- The goal of this league is to teach basic baseball fundamentals while stressing fun and sportsmanship through positive instruction and positive role models.
- Managers are encouraged to rotate their players' defensive positions throughout each game, so that each player has the opportunity to experience each position.

\*Please note that all games played with Morgan Falls will not count in team records and just additional games.