

DISTRICT 41

2009 WINTERBALL GROUND RULES

We will be following the rules in the 2009 Little League Baseball green book; these rules will be in place of what is in the green book*.

***Pitcher - Catcher and Pitch count rules apply.**

Winter baseball is an instructional league and the purpose is skill building and to have **FUN**. Managers and coaches are encouraged to rotate their players through all the different positions. This is the time to develop your players for the up coming season.

GENERAL RULES

1. Each team will supply 2 new baseballs each game (1 for Minor A and Minor B).
2. Home team will provide umpires.
3. No score or standings will be kept during "Winterball".
4. Home team will set up field.
5. Managers should contact opposing team a few days before hand to make sure each team has enough players and what field they will be playing on at the home site.
6. Managers make sure fans clean up the bleacher area before they leave.
7. Teams should leave the dug outs in better condition then they were when they arrived.
8. Junior and Major games 2 ½ hour time limit (No new inning starts after 2 ½ hours)
9. Minor A and Minor B, 2 hour time limit (No new inning starts after 2 hours)

GROUND RULES

1. Each team will bat the line up.
2. The inning is over if the fielding team completes 3 outs or if the batting team bats the line up.
3. Free substitutions.
4. If the catcher is on base he may have a courtesy runner (helps move the game along).
5. To move the game along if a catcher is not ready, the catcher on the field will warm up the opposing pitcher.
6. **NO** pitcher will pitch more then 2 innings (including juniors).
7. If a pitcher hits a batter twice in 1 inning that pitcher will be removed (3 hit batters over 2 innings, pitcher will be removed).

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MINOR "B" RULES

1. Same as the above rules.
2. Coach pitch for the first 2-4 innings (managers' discretion) players pitch afterwards.
3. Each player will receive 5 pitches if the player doesn't hit the ball after the fifth pitch an out will be called. If a player fouls the fifth pitch another pitch will be given. (Coach pitch or machine).
4. If a coach is struck by a batted ball the play is dead and the play will be replayed.
5. Coaches will be allowed on the field for instructions. (Should be discussed by managers before the game. Both teams must agree to do this).
6. 10 players may be on the field. Four outfielders.
7. No Walks.
8. Runners may only advance 1 base per pitch.
9. No stealing home on a passed ball only if a play is made on the runner at 3rd base can he advance home unless he is batted in, walked in or advanced other than a wild pitch.

I wish you and your players a Fun and Safe Winterball Season!!

If you have any question you may give me a call.

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