



Mustang Boys - 2010 League Rules

Game Information

- Games will consist of 6 innings or 1 hour 45 minutes. No inning will be allowed to start after 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- An inning will consist of 3 outs or 7 runs, whichever occurs first.
- **9-year olds only: If bases are loaded, and the batter is awarded ball four, his coach will come in to pitch and the batter will assume the number of strikes he had. No runs will be scored by "walking in a run".**
- Mercy rule: 15 runs after 4 innings, 10 runs after 5 innings.
- Tie games will be permitted to continue ONLY if it is the last game of the day. In the event of a tie, the last batter from the prior inning will start on second base.
- The umpire will keep the game clock and will notify both teams of the game start time.
- In an effort to keep the games on schedule, please pinch run for the catcher if he is on base with two outs. The last player out in that inning will be your pinch runner.

Field Information

- Base paths are 60'.
- The pitching distance will be 44'.
- A safety base will be used at all times next to 1st base. The runners are to run to the safety base. Fielders are to use the regular base.
- Teams will play 10 players in the field (six infielders, four outfielders).
- Ball size: regulation baseball.

Pitching Rules

- A 9-year old pitcher may not pitch more than **2 innings on the same day**. A 10-year old pitcher may not pitch more than **3 innings on the same day**.
- A pitcher may not pitch again for 40 hours after pitching 3 or more innings in a day.
- A pitcher may not pitch more than 6 innings in a week (week is Monday through Sunday)
- A single pitch constitutes an inning.
- A coach is allowed one visit to the pitcher's mound in an inning. The pitcher must be removed on the second visit in an inning.
- There are no balks since players can not lead off.

- It is recommended that coaches keep track of pitch count. The following should be used as a guide to determine the number of pitches a player should throw:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Max. Pitches Per Game</u>	<u>Max. Games Per Week</u>	<u>1 Day Rest</u>	<u>2 Day Rest</u>	<u>3 Day Rest</u>	<u>4 Day Rest</u>
8-10	52	2	21	34	43	51
11-12	68	2	27	35	55	58
13-14	76	2	30	36	56	70
15-16	91	2	25	38	62	77
17-18	106	2	27	45	62	89

Additional Rules

- Free substitution is allowed. All players may leave and enter the game at anytime with the exception of the pitcher who may not re-enter as a pitcher once he has pitched. Please attempt to have every player play **infield and outfield** in each game. With the exception of the pitcher and catcher, players may not play the same position in more than two consecutive innings.
- All players will be placed in the batting lineup for the entire game.
- A team may start a game with only 8 players. When batting with only 8 players, the ten batter limit will still be in effect. There is no automatic out for the 9th and / or 10th position. Teams may borrow an OSAA registered player. The substitute player must bat last and play in the outfield.
- Bunting is allowed.
- Base runners may steal **second and third base**, but shall not leave the base before the pitched ball has been **hit** or has **passed** home plate. **Stealing home is NOT allowed. However, if a thrown ball goes into the outfield grass while attempting to make a play on a runner, it becomes a live ball and base runners may advance at their own risk.** A base runner leaving early will be called out by the umpire.
- Once the ball is **secured** by an infielder, all runners may continue to the base they are heading toward. If a play is made on them, they, and all other runners, can advance.
- Runners may advance at their own risk on overflows within the field of play. Runners are allowed to advance to the base they were running to, plus one base, in the event the ball leaves the playing field on an overthrow. **(Except for throws back to the pitcher and attempts made on a runner trying to steal second base where the ball does not reach the outfield grass).**
- The dropped third strike rule is not in effect.
- The infield fly rule is in not in effect.
- Slide guideline: There is no requirement to slide. Players should, however, make every attempt to avoid collisions with opposing players. A runner may be called out for running into a fielder who is attempting to make a play on the ball. Under no circumstances can a player intentionally run into a fielder. It will be at the umpire's discretion to call the runner out if contact is made. In the case of a runner intentionally running into the fielder, the runner may be removed from the game. **Please instruct your players to slide on close plays at any base.**

General Rules / Information

- All players MUST wear helmets with face guards in the on-deck area, when at bat, and while on base.
- Catchers must wear chest protector, shin guards and a helmet during the game and while warming up the pitcher.
- The home team will occupy the third base dugout.
- Both teams should supply one game ball.
- Dugouts should be left clean after each game.
- **The ZERO TOLERANCE rule is in effect.** Coaches are responsible for their conduct, their players' conduct, and that of the parents and fans. The umpire has the authority to eject any player, coach or fan that is deemed to be disruptive of the game. Please display good sportsmanship toward the umpires.
- If no umpire is available, the coaches should report the situation to the OSAA Field Director on duty.
- All judgment calls by umpires are final. A call made incorrectly due to a rules interpretation may be addressed to the umpire by both coaches. The umpire's decision will stand if no agreement is reached (the intent is to make the correct call on a rules-related call, not to change a judgment call made by the umpire).
- The winning team's coach should record the game score in the league book in the Snack Shack.
- The use of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs in any form, by players or coaches in the dugout areas, on the benches, or on or near the field of play is not permitted.

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