

THE EASTERN BALTIMORE COUNTY OVER 40 BASEBALL LEAGUE

The League will follow the MLB American League Rules with the following amendments, changes and/or differences:

1. CLEAN BASE HIT RULE

- a. An outfielder shall not attempt to throw a batter/runner out at first base when a batted ball cleanly reaches the outfield grass.
- b. An outfielder may attempt to throw a runner out at second base, third base, or home plate when a batted ball cleanly reaches the outfield grass.

2. BASE RUNNING

- a. Runners will slide to avoid contact. This means sliding into the base or around the base. The fielder can block the base or plate.
- b. Any bowling over, shoulders thrown, high feet slide will result in ejection from the game. This is at the umpire's discretion so please don't ruin your day by giving cause for ejection. Remember—if you are ejected, you will cost your team an out as well as end your day on the field.
- c. A courtesy runner is permitted at any time, for any player, for any reason.
 - i. Courtesy runners are not permitted to run with the pitch unless there is a full count on the batter, there are two outs, and a runner is on first, runners are on first and second, or bases are loaded.
 - ii. Should an umpire judge a courtesy runner to be attempting to steal a base, the umpire shall call a dead ball and stop play. The courtesy runner is called out. Any pitch and the result thereof is nullified.
 - iii. Courtesy runners may attempt to advance at their own peril on a passed ball or wild pitch.
 - iv. A player may be a courtesy runner only one time during an inning.

3. PITCHING

- a. Pitchers may pitch a maximum of 5 innings. One pitch constitutes an inning. Once a pitcher is replaced he may not re-enter the game as pitcher.
- b. A pitcher hits two batters in an inning will be removed from pitching for the remainder of that game.

4. LIMITED RUNS PER INNING PROVISION

- a. During innings 1-6, a team may score a maximum of six runs. There is no per-inning run limit following the sixth inning.
- b. During innings 1-6, if a batter hits a home run, the run will not count if the batter is the seventh run.

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5. PLAYERS PLAYING TIME

All players bat the whole game regardless of playing the field. Players must be allowed 4 innings in the field unless they choose otherwise.

6. PLAYER EJECTIONS

If a player is ejected by an umpire for any reason his next at bat WILL BE SCORED AN OUT. Any subsequent at bats for that players will be nullified and NOT count as an out there after. This rule should NEVER need consideration.

7. LINE UP ALTERATIONS IN GAME

If a player is removed from the game because of an injury or has to leave inadvertently, his spot in the batting order will be cancelled and NOT constitute an out.

8. SPECIALTY PROVISIONS

- a. No player, coach, or manager will berate a teammate or question his/her abilities. Also, throwing of equipment & abusing the umpires is PROHIBITED.
- b. No player, coach or manager shall at anytime attempt to influence the umpire's calling of a game before or during a game.
- c. Any attempt to recruit a completely- or overly-stacked-with-talent team is PROHIBITED.