

## CLINIC BASEBALL RULES – 2013 - FINAL

### **RULES: Official Little League rules with the following exceptions:**

- 1. SPORTSMANSHIP:**

The clinic baseball is a learning experience. Education of the players is the purpose of the league. Enthusiasm and reinforcement are important. Good sportsmanship is to be stressed by all coaches. After the game is completed, each team will lineup for the traditional handshake. Please remember that the kids are here to learn and have fun!
- 2. DIMENSIONS:**

Base distances are 60 feet. Coach pitch. The coach may kneel to pitch.
- 3. LENGTH OF GAME:**

The Clinic games should last approximately 1-1 ½ hours.
- 4. BASE RUNNING:**

During each inning plated each player will have a turn at bat. The batter is limited to only one base for any hit (except for the last batter in the inning who will hit a “home run” bringing all base runners around the bases to home plate). No bases are to be taken on an overthrow. The team at bat will have one adult near first and third bases to direct runners. No player is ever “out” and forced to leave the base. The last batter should be rotated so that whenever possibly each player has an opportunity to bat last and hit a “homerun”.
- 5. PARTICIPATION:**

All players showing up prior to the game in uniform shall be in the batting order for the entire game. All players must play at least 2 innings in the field. No more than six players may be in the infield. These positions are pitcher, catcher, 1<sup>st</sup> base, 2<sup>nd</sup> base, 3<sup>rd</sup> base, and shortstop. The child pitcher will stand on one side of the coach who is pitching and the catcher (without equipment) will stand on the other. Outfielders must be on the outfield grass at the time the ball is hit. Coaches can be on the field for instruction.
- 6. PITCHING & CATCHING:**

Pitching shall be done by a non-player (i.e. an adult, older brother, or sister, etc.). No player may pitch. The pitcher is provided by the team at bat. The pitcher must make every effort to not interfere with a batted ball (they cannot field a ball in play), allowing the other team’s player in the pitcher’s position to make a play. Pitching shall be over handed. All catching shall be performed by a non-player. The catcher cannot make a play at home plate, only the players.
- 7. STRIKES:** No strikes should be called on players as there are no outs, but after 5 swinging misses a player should hit from a tee, or if a tee is not available the player should be assisted by a coach.
- 8. FORFEITS:**

There are no forfeits.
- 9. BUNTING:**

Bunting is NOT allowed.
- 10. STEALING and LEADING:**

There will be NO stealing or leading.
- 11. EQUIPMENT:**
  - A. BALLS** – home team shall supply one new and one used ball. Balls shall be t-ball softy balls.
  - B. GLOVES** – There are no restrictions on the type or size of glove a player may wear. Batting gloves are allowed.
  - C. BATS** – Any bat designated “Official Baseball or Tee Ball” will be allowed.
  - D. HELMETS** – Runners and batters MUST wear helmets.
  - E. CLEATS** – Only rubber cleats are allowed. Metal cleats are forbidden.
- 12. RAINOUTS AND POSTPONEMENTS:**

Coaches shall try to contact the opposing team coach prior to the game. Rescheduling of games is at the discretion of the coaches. If during the game, lightning should appear or thunder is heard, then it is the coaches’ responsibility to either suspend or terminate the game.
- 13. STANDINGS:**

No standings are kept for the league.