

2009
MILPITAS NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE
FARM DIVISION BYLAWS

In addition to the rules of the International Rule Book the following rules will govern the game.

Manager Conduct: All managers and coaches must be 18 years or older. All coaches and managers must have a volunteer form and back ground clearance on file with the respective boards. Managers must dress appropriately. No tank tops, cutoff shorts, or sandals will be worn. There shall be no use of profanity, tobacco or alcoholic beverages on park or school premises. Spectators shall not be allowed in the dugouts or on the playing field.

The manager must have a team roster for their team, which will list the manager, coaches and players.

A) The Game

- 1) The managers and coaches from Home Team will be responsible for preparing the field for play. The Visiting Team will be responsible for breakdown after the game. Both teams will be responsible for cleaning up debris in their dugout and in spectator areas. (Let's keep our fields clean.)
- 2) Pitching machine will be used the first half of the scheduled games of the season. If a fair ball is not batted within five machine pitches, the batter will be called out. Balls hit foul will be included in the count of five pitches. Starting with first game of the second half of the season, players will pitch in all remaining games of the season.

If pitching machine is not available or functioning for the above said games, the coaches will pitch for their own team.

Players will pitch beginning the first game of the second half of the season. The schedule shall notate the ending of the first half and the beginning of the second half of the season.

- 3) Bunting will not be allowed in games pitched by machines/coaches. During games pitched by the team players, bunting will be allowed.
- 4) Up to 10 defensive players can be placed on the field. The 10th player shall be an outfielder.
- 5) One defensive manager or coach, other than the adult pitcher, may be stationed on the field, outside the baseline, for instructional purposes.
- 6) Any interference by an adult on the playing field will result in a call of a dead ball.
- 7) If a base coach physically assists a base runner while the ball is live, the runner is out.
- 8) Once a player pitcher has walked 5 offensive players the offensive coach will pitch to the remaining portion of the lineup for that inning. When coaches pitch to complete an inning, no walks will occur. If a fair ball is not batted within five hittable pitches, the batter will be called out. Balls hit foul will be included in the count of five coach pitches.
- 9) For safety reasons, sliding is required at all bases, except first, whenever a play is being made on the runner.
- 10) Base stealing is not allowed.
- 11) Infield flies will not be called.

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- 12) When playing at Dixon Farm Field, the playing field is defined by the backstop and side fences parallel to the first and third base lines. Where the side fences do not extend, an imaginary straight line extension of the fence will define the playing field boundary. A foul fly ball legally caught on the field side of the imaginary extension will be an out for the batter, whether or not the defensive player's momentum carries him out of the legal playing area. A fly ball so caught will remain live and runners may advance after retouching their bases. A foul fly ball caught or not caught on the spectator side of the imaginary extension will be a dead ball and all runners must return to their bases without liability to be put out.

In the outfields, cones will be placed at fifty paces (approximately 150 feet) from home plate to mark the home run and ground rule double line. Fair fly balls that pass these cones in flight will entitle the batter and all runners to advance to home after touching all intervening bases. Fair balls that bounce, roll, or are deflected past these cones will entitle the batter and all runners to advance two bases after legally touching all intervening bases.

- a. When Playing at Dixon Minor Field, the left field boundary is defined as: Cones will be placed where the fenced area ends by the scoreboard dividing the T-ball and Minor outfields and will extend outward to the end of the left field foul line.
- b. Fair fly balls that go over the cones or fence in flight will entitle batter and all runners to advance to home after legally touching all intervening bases. Fair balls that bounce, roll or deflect into these areas will entitle the batter and all runners to advance two bases after legally touching all intervening bases. If a player catches a fly ball in the playing area and falls or steps back into the out of bounds areas, the ball is alive and the runners may advance at their own risk after properly tagging up to their respective base.

- 13) Rain-outs may be rescheduled. Player Agent will determine all re-schedules.

B) Players

- 1) Every player, on a team roster must participate in each game for a minimum of nine defensive outs, or half of the total innings played if game is shortened due to time, weather, or darkness. If a player does not receive his minimum playing time due to a shortened game, that player shall start defensively in the next game.
- 2) Continuous batting order option shall apply per LL Rule 4.04.
- 3) The half inning ends when the either three outs are made or when the lesser of 12 batters or the full line-up of the team playing defensively has batted, whichever situation occurs first. If a team has more than 12 batters, the batting order for next inning shall begin where the last left off (continuous batting rules).

C) Scorekeeping and Umpiring

- 1) Home and visiting Managers and coaches will be jointly be responsible to umpire games. Managers are strongly encouraged to assign parents to umpire games.
- 2) Protests are not allowed in the Farm division.
- 3) Scorebooks will be kept to keep track of players' defensive playing time and outs that progress the innings. Scores of the games will not be kept for win/loss record.