2015 Harrison Recreation 5/6 Baseball Rules

1. League Play will be played under Dizzy Dean Baseball Rules with exceptions made my Harrison Recreation.

2. A 70 Minute time limit will be used in league play. No new inning will be started after time limit runs out during school nights (Monday – Thursday). Games can end in a tie during school nights (Monday – Thursday). Games that are tied at the end of regulation or time limit on Friday's or Saturday's will play extra innings till a winner is determined. If time runs out in the middle of an inning, the inning will be finished if one team is still within reach of the game. 5 run max per inning.

3. There will be **NO** forfeits in league play. You can play with what you have, and or p/u extra players from another team with approval of both coaches. P/U players must bat last and play in a non-dominant position, i.e. right field.

4. All teams must play all and bat all players on their roster. No player will sit the bench in league play.

5. Must use approved legal bats. All bats must be stamped 1.15 BPF. **This rule will be highly enforced by the umpires and league officials.** Any coach or players caught using an illegal bat will be subject to the penalties of Dizzy Dean Baseball and could result in suspension or removed from coaching.

6. If you have 9 players or less for your game, you do not have to play with a catcher. One of the opposing coaches or an adult will be the catcher. NO KIDS FROM THE STANDS CAN BE USED FOR THIS DUE TO INSURANCE PURPOSES.

7. Any player playing pitcher circle must wear either a helmet with a mask or a face guard shield. Catchers are only required to wear a helmet with a mask in league play. Full catching equipment is not required until All-Stars.

8. If a batted ball is fielded on the 3rd base side of the pitchers line and an attempt is made to get the out at 1st base, those players must make a thrown attempt to 1st base. You would not be able to run a batter down to 1st base in this scenario, but you can run a player down at 2nd base, 3rd base, or home plate. **Penalty-Batter safe at 1st base.**

9. If a batted ball is fielded on the 1st base side of the pitchers line and an attempt is made to get the out at 3rd base, those players must make a thrown attempt to 3rd base. You would not be able to run a player down at 3rd base in this scenario, but you could run the batter down at 1st base, 2nd base, or home plate. **Penalty-Runner safe at 3rd base.**

10. If the batted ball is fielded **INSIDE** the pitchers circle, a thrown attempt must be made to **ALL** bases except for home plate. The player would be able to run and either tag home plate or tag the runner. **Penalty-Safe at 1st base, 2nd base, or 3rd base, depending on which base the attempt was made at.**

11. Tee Rule- Batter #7 and down are the only eligible batters in the lineup to use the tee. Batter can go on or come off the tee at any time in the game or any pitch count in the at bat. We will play 5 pitches or 3 strikes per batter. Last 2 batters in lineup are considered DH's and will get 5 pitches/5 strikes.
*****If a coach is found to be abusing the Tee Rule, he or she will be dealt with on an individual bases by the age group director and or league officials. We all can see who needs the tee and who doesn't so please do not abuse this rule. *****

12. If a coach or league official feels a player is having concussion like symptoms, they **MUST** remove the player from participation. The player will not be able to return to participation until he has a signed off letter from a certified medical physician and a league official.

13. Home team will be determined by schedule. Home team will be the official scorekeeper.
Rainouts are a rare occasion at Harrison Recreation. You will be notified by the age group director or by calling the league phone number (344-3314) as soon as possible the day of the games. You also will be able to check our Website **(harrisonrecreation.com)**, Facebook page **(harrisonrec)**, and Twitter page **(@Harrison_Rec)** for league info.

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