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**Lucas Fulton Henry Wood House League**

**It’s for the Kids**

**14U Division**

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# Overview

Pony League Baseball intended for 13 and 14 year olds. All coaches, parents, spectators, and athletes are encouraged to focus on the skills and sportsmanship of the game and minimize the negative aspects of competition. The attitude and behavior of the coaches and parents are most of what the kids will take with them to the next level!!!

1. The team that you register with our league cannot be playing baseball within another league. If we find you have this team in another league you will not be allowed in our league. It is not fair to teams in this league if games are cancelled because you have to play in another league or a majority of your kids are on another team.
2. Rosters of all teams will be given to each commissioner. A child must be on this roster to play in regular and post season games

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# Safety

Safety is of primary concern for everyone associated with organized sports. In addition to the following specific safety related rules, the safety component of any action should prevail when discussing and ruling on any activity in question.

1. **Throwing Bats:** Throwing bats can pose a serious threat to both players and coaches and will not be tolerated. A player will be warned after their first offense and be removed for the remainder of the game after their second offense. The coaches should ensure that this rule is known by all players prior to each game.
2. **Helmets:** All batters and baserunners must wear a helmet. Any player intentionally removing a helmet while the ball is in play will be called out.
3. **Jewelry:** No jewelry is permitted by any player on the field at any time.
4. **Sportsmanship:** Heckling, profanity, fighting and any unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated by Coaches, Players or Spectators at any time. No one is permitted to stand behind the backstop at any time. One warning may be given and the second violation will be cause for ejection and possible suspension.

# General Playing Rules

1. **Rules:** All technical rules and regulations, not superseded below, follow the guidelines of OHSAA.
2. **Age Limits:** Anyone who will be 15 years old earlier than May 1st will not be eligible to play. This rule will be waived should a player who is 15 years old be currently enrolled in the 8th grade for the current academic year.
3. **Field Dimensions:** The playing field will be a regulation field with the following distances:

Bases 80 Feet

Pitching 54’6” Feet

1. **Home Team and Rainout:** Home team is responsible for getting and paying umpires. Home team coach is responsible for notifying opposing coach by 5:00pm of any cancellations. Every attempt to make up games should be made.
2. **Balls:** Diamond A or B balls will be used. Home team to provide one new and one good used ball. Visiting team will supply one new ball.
3. **Bats:** Any bat between -9 and -3 can be used. 9.5 is not acceptable
4. **Cleats:** Metal or Plastic/Nylon cleats are allowed
5. **Time Limit:** Game will be 7 innings. If a game is called due to weather darkness it is complete after 5 innings. No new inning will be started after 2 hour time limit. Time up, game tied, is a tied game
6. **Run Rule:** Mercy rule is 15 after 5 complete innings or 10 after 6 complete innings.

1. **Protests:** All protests shall be called immediately after the issue arises. Both coaches and umpires must sign the book noting the protest. The game will continue until completion and reported. The protesting coach must contact his respective baseball commissioner within 24 hours of the event. Two non affected commissioners will make the ruling within 7 days.
2. **Base Running:** You may pinch run for the catcher with two outs. The runner must be the one who made the last out. This is not a sub, we are trying to speed up the game.
3. **Contact:** All players should slide to avoid contact at all times. Any intentional contact will result in the player being called out and may be ejected at the umpire’s discretion.
4. **Grace Period:** There will be a 10 minute grace period for 6pm. game only.
5. **Playing Time/Batting:** *Each team will bat its entire roster. If a player is unable to bat due to injury or illness and they will be skipped, that player will not be permitted to re-enter the game. If a team only has 8 batters, an out must be taken for missing 9th batter. Each player must play two innings in the field*
6. **Pitching:**  *Pitchers will pitch no more than 80 pitches per game. If they reach their pitch count in the middle of a batter they may finish the batter. There is one warning for a balk.*
7. **Warm Up:** Each pitcher is allowed 6 warm up pitches at the start of the game and 6 warm up pitches between each inning.
8. **Personnel:** There will be only two coaches on the field and a manger, scorekeeper and one bat boy on the bench for each team.
9. **Play Night**: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
10. **Tournament**: A single elimination tournament will be held immediately after the regular season ends, which will include teams in the league. Seeding will be random.
11. **Tournament Play**: No boy, who was not registered at the beginning of the year, may play in any game. This includes league tournament. Only boys from a younger division may be brought up.

1. **Team Roster:** A team roster for each team will be completed on paper and turned in to the commissioner by June 15th. The roster will include name and date of birth.
2. **League Play**: League standings will be kept and used to determine the league champion in each league. Tie breaker methodology will include head to head, division champs, league champs, tournament champs, and runs allowed.
3. **Have fun, play hard, play fair, it’s for the kids.**