

St Johns Youth Baseball  
Pony League Rules

April 27, 2006

The playing rules for all games will be taken from the 2005 High School Rulebook unless otherwise addressed in this document.

General:

- 1) The days and times for the games will be determined at the time of the schedule make-up. At the end of the regular season, a single game elimination tournament will be held. No League standings will be kept.
- 2) Games will have a two-hour and fifteen (2:15) minute time limit. No team is to take the field after two hours and 5 minutes have expired. If time elapses, while the visiting or home team is batting, the inning will be finished. To start the game, the umpire will notify both benches of the start and stop time per his/her watch. It will be the responsibility of the coaches and umpires to make sure the games are kept moving. The Coaches will get one warning, than a forfeit will be called. TOURNAMENT GAMES WILL BE SEVEN (7) INNINGS LONG (NO TIME LIMIT).
- 3) The Umpire in Chief will call inclement weather field conditions and may cancel games. Information concerning this matter may be obtained by calling 989 224-8374 after 3:30 p.m. or check our web site at ([www.sjyba.com](http://www.sjyba.com)) "Rain outs" will not be made up unless the teams rained out reschedule the games with the Umpire in Chief.
- 4) The Board of Directors will maintain a rules committee.
- 5) The Home team will keep the official score book and maintain the scoreboard.
- 6) **Base settings: 80-foot base paths with 54 feet from Home plate to the pitchers rubber.**
- 7) Make-up games will be the coaches' option. The Board will provide umpires for all make-up games.
- 8) In case of LIGHTNING a fifteen (15) minute postponement applies to all current games. All players must seek shelter (in vehicles). If after fifteen (15) minutes, the lightning has not subsided, wait an additional fifteen (15) minutes, for a maximum of thirty (30) consecutive minutes. At that time, a Board Member or a senior umpire will call the game. If lightning returns after play has resumed, the fifteen (15) minute postponement starts over. The two hour and fifteen (2:15) minute time limit for the game will remain in force during the lightning delay. No extra time will be granted for the delay. (This will not affect tournament games. They do not have a time limit.) THE CANCELLATION OF AN EARLIER GAME, DUE TO LIGHTNING, DOES NOT NECESSARILY CANCEL ALL LATER GAMES.

#### Games:

- 1) Formal protest, to include the tournament games, will not be allowed.
- 2) The strike zone shall be the width of the plate and from the batter's knees to the armpits, as the batter stands upright.
- 3) Once the seventh run of an inning has been scored, the inning is over.
- 4) **NO INTENTIONAL WALKS WILL BE ALLOWED** .
- 5) NO BAT RULE IN THIS LEAGUE (I.E. WEIGHT VS LENGTH). Coaches are expected to have knowledge of all equipment the players are using.

#### Players:

- 1) LEAGUE HATS AND TEAM SHIRTS MUST BE WORN DURING ALL GAMES. Long pants must be worn on all SJYB fields and affiliated fields during sanctioned games and practices. (Players not wearing long pants risk injury when sliding or making diving plays.) May the Board suggest that all players show some pride for themselves and the league and maintain a neat appearance. No watches or other jewelry will be allowed. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- 2) A player must wear batting helmets while he/she is in the on deck circle, batting, coaching a base, or while on base. CUPS ARE REQUIRED FOR CATCHERS. (CUPS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ALL PLAYERS.)
- 3) NO STEEL CLEATS ALLOWED.
- 4) Every player participating in the game must play at least three (3) innings in the field. No player is to sit two consecutive innings on the bench. Every player participating in a game will bat in rotation. The batting order will remain the same unless a player is removed from the game due to injury or illness. Late arrivals must be placed in the last position of the original batting order. LATE ARRIVALS MUST PLAY! Managers are must to notify the opposing team of any additions or deletions to their lineup.
- 5) There will be unlimited substitutions between innings.
- 6) A team may field a maximum of nine (9) players on defense.
- 7) The pitcher must be replaced if the coaches or manager make a total of two (2) trips onto the field per inning.
- 8) After one out, the catcher may be replaced if he/she is a base runner. The pinch runner must be the player who made the last out. The intent is to keep the game moving.
- 9) If a base runner deliberately runs into a fielder out of the base path he/she will be ejected from the game by the umpire. If a runner does not slide on a close play, (umpire's discretion), he/she risks being called out. This rule is for player safety.
- 10) A BASE RUNNER WILL BE CALLED OUT (AT THE END OF THE PLAY) IF AN UMPIRE SEES HE/SHE FAILS TO TOUCH A BASE. NO APPEAL WILL BE ALLOWED!
- 11) Balk rule...see attached page.

- 12) If a pitcher intentionally (umpires Discretion) throws at a batter, that pitcher will immediately be ejected from the game and the next game.
- 13) If an umpire feels that a pitcher has lost control and is endangering batters, the umpire can require the manager to remove the pitcher from the mound.
- 14) Pitching rules - 3 innings per game.
- 15) Catchers must wear headgear in practice and when warming up a pitcher during play or between innings. (PLEASE USE DISCRETION WHEN WARMING UP RELIEF PITCHERS. DO IT IN A SAFE AREA AWAY FROM SPECTATORS AND VEHICLES.)

#### Managers/Coaches

- 1) Coaches are encouraged to instruct their players in the basic fundamentals of baseball. (I.E. fielding, hitting, and throwing, sportsmanship and team play)
- 2) Physical and verbal abuse will not be allowed.
- 3) No tobacco products are allowed on the playing field or bench area.
- 4) No alcoholic beverages are permitted in the area. No one under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be permitted on the playing field or bench.
- 5) All relevant complaints against a coach or manager should be addressed to the Board of Directors.
- 6) There will be no mercy rule. The managers are expected to use sportsmanship and courtesy in this manner. However, a game may be called through consensus of both teams. May the Board suggest, the team that is performing poorly be given the chance to bat extra times.
- 7) ***Good Luck !! And have fun.***

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