

<b>Ceres Youth Baseball Policies and Procedures</b>	
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### 2023 AMENDED RULES 11/12 BOYS

1. All games will be played in accordance with (A) 2023 Official Baseball Rulebook (B) the following amended rules. CYB will follow State Safety and PONY guidelines in regards to bats used, pitching rules, code of conduct, and concussion protocols.
  
2. The game will be 6 innings and the base path for this division is 70' and the pitching rubber is 50' and game time will be 1 hour and 45 minutes drop dead. No new inning will start after 1 hour and 30 minutes. If a game is tied after six (6) innings, additional innings utilizing the international tie breaker rule will be used, last batted out goes to 2<sup>nd</sup> base. played up to (but not exceeding the time limit). However, a game can end in a tie, and ties will count in the standings.
  
3. Games ended by inclement weather, or other reasons beyond league control (lights out, rain etc.) prior to the time limit, will be considered official after 4 innings or 3 1/2 inning if the home team is in the lead. If a game is stopped prior to it being considered official, it will be suspended and resumed at a later time at the inning it stopped at. (I.e. stopped in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning, will resume in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning.)
  
4. Any bat used must have the USA approved sticker or stamp.
  
5. Each team must have at least seven (7) players for the game to begin. Once lineups have been exchanged by coaches and the first pitch of the game is thrown, any additional player arriving late will be added at the bottom of the lineup card.
  
6. Everyone will bat in continuous order. (ENTIRE ROSTER). If a player leaves the game before completion of the game for any reason other than ejection, they will not be called out, but they cannot return to the game. The batting order will adjust by everyone moving up one slot.
  
7. All players will play at least three innings in a six inning game. Open substitution is acceptable, and all players will play on defense every other inning. A player cannot sit out on defense for more than 1 inning at a time, except for disciplinary actions that must be approved by the HUIC or a commissioner, or if he/she is injured or chooses not to play.
  
8. The umpires will determine who the head coach is prior to each game. Only the head coach displaying his badge can dispute a call during the game. The rulebook or amended rule sheet must be in coach's possession (no rule book-no discussion). If the head coach doesn't have his badge he should let his assistant coach be designated as the head coach for this game or the umpires will not discuss a call with him.  
**Judgment calls cannot be disputed.**

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9. If all coaches do not have their badges, they have 5 minutes to find a board member to stand in on the game. If no board member can be found, then the game will be forfeited by that team but the game will be played for the kids' sake with no umpires.
10. Home team will be determined by coin flip prior to game. Home team must have a scorebook, if not the other team will be home team.
  - a) Home team will maintain official scorebook, insure sponsor names are on the score sheet.
11. Both teams will report runs to the umpire each half inning. Umpire will maintain the game scorecard. Both coaches upon completion of the game must sign scorecard.
12. No infield before the game, players may warm up in the outfield and they may take grounders on the foul sideline.
13. A batter is automatically out if the bat is thrown, on the second offense. (One warning per team)
14. There will be one offensive timeout per inning (TOTAL) to talk to batters.
15. The batter and all base runners must wear helmets. Metal cleats are not allowed.
16. Fake tags on base runners will be considered an obstruction.
17. Hurry up rule will be in effect meaning that the catcher can be replaced by a pinch runner at any time during the inning.

The Pinch runner will be the last BATTED out of the inning. If another runner is used, and a pitch is thrown, then the runner may be called out & inning ended. The opposing team must inform the umpire of the error during that inning.

If the opposing team does not catch the mistake till later in game, the outcome of that inning stands.

It is the team that's using the pinch runner, responsibility to make sure the correct player is used as the pinch runner.
18. Leading off is allowed. Runners may advance (steal) throughout the season. Balks will be called. Drop third strike is in effect.
19. No intentional contact (during close play), with a base runner will be allowed. Instigator can be called out, or thrown out, or cause umpire's call to be reversed at the discretion of the umpire.

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20. Pitchers will be allowed to pitch 3 innings MAX in a game and 8 innings MAX in a seven day period.
  - a) A pitcher that hits a batter twice (2) in one inning, or three times in a game can be removed from the mound at the discretion of the umpire.
  - b) No spot pitching. Once a pitcher has been removed, he cannot return to pitch that game.
21. A maximum of eight (8) pitches will be allowed between innings. When changing pitchers, additional pitches may be allowed at the discretion of the umpires.
22. Infield fly rule will be in effect.
23. A maximum of five (5) runs per inning will be in effect. However, the sixth inning will be an open inning with no run limitation.
24. A 10 run slaughter rule will be in effect after 4 innings 3 1/2 if home team is ahead.
25. If a coach is ejected from the game for any reason, that coach will sit out the rest of that game and will not be allowed to coach in their next scheduled game,
  - a) If a player is ejected from the game, it will be an out every time he's due up. The player must stay in the dugout or leave the facility at the umpire's discretion and will not be allowed to play his next scheduled game.
  - b) If a parent is ejected, they must leave the facility. If more than one player or parent is ejected in a game, then the head coach will be ejected too.
26. No coach is allowed on the baseball field at any time with open toe shoes. The head coach or the assistant coach must wear team shirt at all games.
27. Head first slides are not allowed at any base. (except dive backs) The runner will be called out if he/she does. No questions asked.
28. Runners may advance at own discretion.
29. No more than two (2) coaches are allowed on the field while on offense. All other times coaches are to remain inside dugout.
30. If a player has to sit out due to injury then the player will sit out for at least ½ inning for evaluation.

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