

## **2011 Willie Mays Rules 9-10 Year Old League**

All games start at 6:30PM. Home team please call before 5:00PM to postpone a game because of inclement weather.

All players present will be inserted into the batting lineup. There is no penalty if a player leaves the game because of sickness, injury or prior commitments.

Teams may field 10 defensive players. Players should not sit out consecutive innings. Teams must have 8 players to start and finish a game. If teams are short prior to the game they may borrow players from another team, however those players may not pitch.

Games are scheduled for 6 innings, however no inning may start after 8:15PM. If coaches agree before the game they may choose to play only 5 innings if they do not think they have the pitching for 6 innings.

A mercy rule of 5 runs per inning in every inning except for the last inning in which a team may score until the third out is recorded. The final inning must be declared before the start of the inning.

Pitchers may only pitch 2 innings per game. Any portion of an inning is considered an inning. A pitcher should be pulled after walking 3 batters in an inning and must be pulled after walking 5 batters in an inning. Pitching mound distance is 43 - 46 feet.

All bats are legal, including wood bats.

Runners cannot advance any additional bases on passed balls or wild pitches. This includes first base after a strike out.

Runners cannot leave base until a ball hit. Base runners are not allowed to lead off.

Runners are encouraged to slide to avoid contact. If there is malicious contact the runner is out. Catcher must give runners the baseline if they do not have the ball. If there is contact and the catcher is in the baseline without the ball the runner will not be out, as long as the contact is not malicious. Coaches please teach your kids to slide and teach the catchers to not block the plate without the ball!

There will be no infield fly rule. If a player drops the ball on purpose the batter is out and everyone returns to original base.

Home team is required to email final score to Dylan Merriman and Cory Bokelman at [dmerriman@AmconBlock.com](mailto:dmerriman@AmconBlock.com) and [cbokelm@charter.net](mailto:cbokelm@charter.net) . Standings will be posted at [www.sryba.org](http://www.sryba.org) and will be updated weekly.

Although this is competitive baseball, remember the primary purpose of this league is skill development. Good sportsmanship is expected from all players, coaches and fans.