

2011 Willie Mays Rules 11-12 Year Old League

All games start at 6:30PM. Home teams 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 will field 9 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 or catch.

Games are scheduled for 6 innings; however no inning may start after 8:15PM.

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 will be allowed to pitch 9 outs per game, but may NOT reenter the game. 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 50 - 52 feet.

All bats are legal, including wood bats.

No leading off, players may leave the base when the ball crosses the plate. Runners can take extra bases after the ball crosses the plate. If a runner leaves early the 1st team violation is a warning and runners return to original bases. The 2nd and future violations the base runner will be called out. If this is called during a double steal the runner leaving early will be called out and the other runner will return to the original base.

No advancing to home on wild pitch or double steal 1st and 3rd base. Runner may advance home if the catcher attempts a throw to either 2nd base or to 3rd base to pick off runner.

Batters are out on 3rd strike and cannot advance to first base if the catch misses the ball.

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 and cbokelm@charter.net . Standings will be posted at 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. Coaches please manage your pitchers so you do not burn out arms.