

CBL Major League Rules For the 2008 season

Chardon - Munson - Ledgemont -Hambden

Official Baseball rules—CHARDON BASEBALL LEAGUE 2008
Major Division: 11-12 year olds

High School rules apply except as set forth below.

Chardon Baseball League, Inc. General rules for Major League Baseball

SECTION 1 (one):

- 1) All baseball catchers **MUST** wear a protective cup as part of their regular equipment.
- 2) It is suggested that all male players wear a protective cup.
- 3) All umpires are to be paid before the start of the game by the *home* team.
- 4) Absolutely no persons (players, coaches, scorekeepers, spectators, parents, siblings etc) are permitted behind the backstop during play in any baseball or softball league. Umpires will warn violators and use any necessary means (ejection, forfeiture, etc) to enforce this rule.
- 5) Any game cancelled or postponed, due to weather only, prior to scheduled start, **shall be** made up on the first available date. Each coach is responsible for contacting their respective league director. The coach of the home team is responsible for informing his league director and the **umpire director** for an umpire. Make-up games are to be scheduled as soon as possible.
- 6) At any time, the team at bat may use courtesy runners for an injured player only. The last player to make an out will be the courtesy runner in each instance.
- 7) Eligible players may be moved up one level of competition to play a game if a team is down to eight or fewer players. The players must play at least two defensive innings and may play no more than any other player. No player may be called up to play on a date where he/she has a regularly scheduled game. The player called up may NOT pitch.

GENERAL RULES

Section 2 (two):

- 1) All league games will start promptly at **6:30 pm.**, with the exception of games scheduled on Saturday or Sunday. The visiting team will be entitled to the field from the time they arrive until 6:10. The home team then gets the field until 6:25. Five minutes is then allowed for field prep if needed.
- 2) It is the responsibility of the **home team** to make the field ready for play. This consists of placing the bases, lining the field (Chardon) and putting away the field equipment. The **home team** will supply one new and one used (nearly new) ball for each game. The new ball shall be used as much as possible. The **visiting team** is responsible for pick up of litter around the field and emptying the garbage cans into the dumpster bin.
- 3) A regulation game shall consist of seven innings. All games will be played to conclusion unless halted by weather or darkness. **It is at the discretion of the umpire and only the umpire as to when a game shall be called because of darkness and/or weather. No "time limit" (i.e., no innings start after 8:30 p.m.) shall supersede or influence the umpires call if he/she deems it is still light enough to play ball.**
- 4) Games interrupted by weather or darkness shall be treated per regular baseball rules; i.e. five (5) complete innings constitutes a complete game (4 ½ if the home team is leading). If this requirement is not fulfilled, the game will be rescheduled by the home team on the next available field. Incomplete and/or tie games called due to darkness or weather will resume at the point of interruption. Innings pitched in all cases shall be tabulated as innings pitched for the week. Batting orders stay in place. If a player is missing from a make-up game, the batting order will collapse. Any game not made up will be a loss to the team that does not show up on the next scheduled make up date.
- 5) **MERCY RULE:** If at the end of four (4) innings (3 ½ if the home team is ahead) or, anytime thereafter, a team is leading by 15 or more runs, the leading team will be declared the winner and constitute a complete game.
- 6) During each authorized 7 inning game, every eligible team player is required to play 3 full innings. Players may be substituted at any time during a game when a time out has been called. Once a player has pitched in a game and is replaced, he/she **may not return to the game as a pitcher.** (You can not use a pitcher in the first two and last two innings for example)

- 7) A batting order will be prepared to include every eligible player at the game. If a player arrives after the start of a game, he shall occupy the last remaining spot in the batting order. Every eligible player shall take his turn at bat whether or not he is playing a defensive position. Any suspended game must use the original batting order. If a player needs to leave a game early, the batting order is collapsed. Any players needed to fill a 9 man roster **must** come from the minor league.

- 8) **The pitching rubber is to be located 50 feet from the back point of home plate. The bases are to be 70 feet apart.**

- 9) Managers, coaches, and players may not direct any verbiage toward the opposing team with the exception of short, common pleasantries. Indirect affronts of the opposition are not allowed. (i.e. Manager or coach to his batter about the opposing pitcher: He'll walk you or, he can't throw a strike.) Negative comments of any nature will not be tolerated. No organized chanting or clapping toward teammates or opponents will be allowed.
Penalty: Two warnings from the umpire. Third occurrence: Forfeiture of the game.

- 10) **There will be no arguing judgment calls by the umpire.** (i.e., safe or out, ball or strike, fair or foul). If there is a question on rule interpretation, only the manager may speak directly to the umpire in the presence of the other manager or umpire(s).

- 11) No manager, player, coach or spectator shall make calls before the umpire. This includes yelling "Strike, great pitch etc", before the umpires call or, "safe/out".
Penalty: Two warnings. Third time: Ejection.

- 12) Any manager, coach or player ejected from a game is ineligible for the next game (one game suspension). Per our charter, a board meeting will be called to decide any further disciplinary actions.

- 13) The **HOME** team shall occupy the **first base** side dugout.

- 14) Regulation aluminum or wooden bats may be used. Maximum 2 ¼" diameter, 33" length.

- 15) Within 24 hours after the end of any regulation game, the manager of the winning team shall e-mail the division director the score of the game and innings pitched by all pitchers in the game for both teams. Major League Director: Jon Miducki. E mail address: jmiducki@farmjournal.com.

- 16) It will be up to each individual winning coach to turn in scores to the paper. Losing coach need to give winning coach 3 key player names and stats for the paper. News Herald: Scores@news-herald.com.
- 17) Curve balls are not permitted. 1st violation: umpire warning. 2nd violation: ejection. These are individual penalties, not team penalties. On being called for throwing a curve ball, the offensive team has the choice of “pitch” or “play”. If the pitch is rejected=a ball. If the play is rejected=no pitch. Runners must return to bases they occupied prior to the pitch.
- 18) If a player arrives after the end of the second inning, the coach shall not play this player more than any other player that was at the game on time
- 19) Ten year olds may be moved up to play a game in the major league if a team is down to eight players. No “call up” player may play more innings than a player on the original roster.
- 20) A list of eligible players from the Minor League Director will be given to the Major League Director. Major League managers will be supplied with this list of eligible “call up” players prior to the start of the season (Chardon).
- 21) Names of minor leaguers playing in a game shall be listed on the game report to the Director.
- 22) Games may be played with 8 players.
- 23) Both teams are responsible for disposing of any trash left in the dugouts and spectator areas. Reminder: Visiting team is responsible for picking up trash around the field and emptying the trash cans into the dumpster.

PLAYING RULES

- 1) On a third strike not caught by the catcher, the batter may advance to first base if first base is unoccupied and, there are less than 2 outs. With 2 outs, the batter may advance with 1st base occupied. This is a force out. High School rules apply. This is a “live ball” and all base runners may advance at their own risk.
- 2) Balks, lead-offs, and stealing will be governed by Ohio High School Baseball rules. Exception: Umpire has the discretion to call “time” and show the pitcher how he balked. If the pitcher continues the foul, a balk may be called. **However, no run shall score on a balk-all other runners will advance 1 base when possible.**

- 3) The umpire has the option of issuing a warning to a pitcher that commits a balk if the umpire determines the balk was unintentional and/or inconsequential to the flow of the game.
- 4) Shoes with metal spikes are not allowed.
- 5) A courtesy runner can be used for the catcher when the catcher reaches base and there are two outs. The last batter to have made an out will be the courtesy runner.
- 6) All players must be in full uniform to play ball. Borrowing is permissible. Uniforms, hats and jerseys must be items provided by the league. No substitute items will be permitted. Full uniform is considered a minimum of a hat and jersey. Jerseys must be tucked in at all times and hats must be worn baseball style, bill of the cap facing forward.
- 7) No head first sliding will be allowed except for returning to a base. Runners **MUST** slide into a base where there is a play being made on the runner. Runner must also make the attempt to avoid the fielder.
- 8) No shorts may be worn. No jewelry may be worn. We do not want any kids to sustain avoidable injuries.
- 9) A team will be allowed 15 minutes after scheduled game time to field 8 players. The umpire will decide when 15 minutes has elapsed. If a team can not field 8 players, that team will forfeit the game. Note: 18 minutes is not 15 minutes. The umpire will still be paid for this game by the home team. The losing team will receive 1 point in our point system, the winning team 3 points and, 7 runs.
- 10) It is the call of the home team manager to call a game due to weather, prior to the start of the game. Once the game starts, it is up to the umpire to call the game or play ball.
- 11) Any violation of these rules or, league rules may result in the suspension of the violator per the CBL rules, regulations and, code of conduct.

- 12) During a game, no more than 4 coaches are allowed “inside the fence” and/or dugout.
- 13) During the game, no one other than players and coaches will be allowed in the dugouts with the exception of one batboy or batgirl.
- 14) During the season, we will need people to run the Chardon concession stand. The concession stand “schedule” will be determined by league officials. When it is your turn to operate the concession stand, it is up to you and your team to find volunteers.

PITCHING RULES

- 1) Only players of major league eligibility (age 10-12) by April 31st may pitch. Failure to comply will result in a forfeiture of the game. A list of all eligible players will be furnished to the Major League Director before the 1st scheduled league game. The Director will provide this list to all head coaches.
- 2) Curve balls, sliders, are not permitted. 1st violation: umpire warning. 2nd violation: Ejection. (offense committed by the same pitcher-not a team violation). If pitch is rejected by the offensive team, the pitch will be called a “ball”. If the play is rejected it will be considered “no pitch”. **Motion consistency of the pitchers delivery will determine intent of pitch. Do not be responsible for these young players developing arm problems.**
- 3) A player may pitch no more than 4 innings per game. Delivery of one pitch constitutes having pitched an inning. Please pay more attention to pitch count than innings pitched. Although not yet an “official rule”, it is recommended that a pitcher throws no more than 85 pitches in a game.
- 4) If a team has more than 2 games scheduled in a calendar week (regularly scheduled, make-up games or play-off tournament games), Sunday morning through Saturday evening, an additional 2 innings (or a maximum of 10 innings for the week) is permitted per pitcher.
- 5) A pitcher, once replaced, **can not** return to the game as a pitcher. You may not split a pitcher’s 4 innings for example, as the first two and last two innings of a game.

- 6) If a pitcher hits two batters in one inning or, three batters total, he must be removed as pitcher.

- 7) NO 10 year old minor league player, playing as a substitute in the major league, may pitch.

YEAR END DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT

Point system: Winning teams will be awarded 3 (three points) for each victory. Losing teams will be awarded 1 (one) point. Any team that does not make up a game that was called due to weather or darkness within a reasonable time and, 2 attempts to reschedule by the opposing coach and, any team that chooses not to finish a tie game within a reasonable time frame, will be awarded no points (0), and given a loss. The opposing team will be awarded a 7-0 score victory and, three (3) points for the victory.

- 1) Seeding in the tournament will be determined by total points accumulated through the won/loss point system

- 2) Tie breakers for tournament seeding will be:
 - a) Head to head
 - b) Total defensive runs allowed
 - c) Coin toss