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Northern Burlington Instructional Athletic Association
P.O. Box 334, Columbus, New Jersey 08022

2012 Major Baseball Rules - (10-12 years old)

Northern Burlington Cal Ripken Jr. Baseball League

GOAL: To instruct the fundamentals of the game of baseball to ten through twelve year old children, while providing time for them to recreate and have fun.

PLAYING RULES: As adopted by the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Jr. Baseball, Inc. and amended by agreement of participating Northern Burlington community representatives. For 2010, the NB Cal Ripken Majors Division will play on a 50/70 field—50 foot mound, 70 foot bases, as agreed to by all member representatives at the league meeting of 21 January, 2008.

Exceptions to Cal Ripken Rules:

1. Comprised of boys who will be 11 or 12 years old (10 year olds w higher skill level) on April 30th of the calendar year.

2. An optional 10 run mercy rule, with a mandatory 15 run provision will be applied after a regulation game (3.5-4 innings).
3. All games will be played with a two-hour time limit in place, or to the completion of the inning in progress.
4. Every player must play three innings defensively and bat at least once in a game. This rule does not apply in a case where Rules 1 or 7 is applied.
 - Defensive free-substitution is allowed and encouraged throughout the game, without regard for the offensive batting order.
 - The batting order for both teams will include all players up to the lesser of players present on the opposing team rosters. For example, if one team has thirteen available players, and the other team has twelve, both teams will include at least twelve players in their respective batting orders. **Any remaining players must pinch hit prior to the end of the game.** Batting the entire roster is allowed at any time by either team.
 - Coaches are encouraged to rotate starters and substitutes from game to game to equalize playing time among rostered players on a given team.
5. Refer to the Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth rule book for max innings per week and days of rest after number of innings pitched.
 - SPECIAL LEAGUE RULING: Major level pitchers shall throw no more than 4 innings per game during regular season and in playoff rounds.
 - a. Three (3) days of rest will be required after 4 innings pitched
 - b. Two (2) days of rest will be required after 3 innings pitched
 - c. One (1) days of rest will be required after 2 innings pitched
 - d. No rest days needed after 1 inning is pitched
 - e. No pitcher shall exceed 6 innings per week.
 - Pitch count restrictions:
 - a. 4 inning game (85 pitches) – No more than 35 in any one inning; 55 in two innings, or 65 in any three
 - b. 3 inning game (65 pitches) – No more than 35 in any one inning; 55 in two innings.
 - c. 2 inning game (55 pitches) – No more than 35 in any inning.
 - d. Once removed, a pitcher may only return to pitch one time in the same game. If the pitcher is removed a second time, he can no longer pitch in that game.
EXAMPLE: A pitcher reaches his 35 pitch limit in the 1st inning. He must be removed after completing the batter he was facing. He may be brought back one time in the game. If during a second inning of work, he exceeds 20 pitches in that inning of work (more than 55 pitches for two innings of work), he must be removed as a pitcher for the remainder of the game. If that same pitcher pitches 35 pitches in the 1st inning, then returns in the 4th and pitches 11 (46 total) and then 20 in the 5th before the third out is recorded (66 total), he is done as a pitcher for the game
 - e. Pitch count must be recorded by both the home and visiting teams for all pitchers on both teams.
 - f. At any time a pitcher reaches his limit for the inning, game, or week, he must be removed from the game after completing the current at bat.
 - g. A pitcher must be removed after walking 5 consecutive batters in any one inning.

- h. A pitcher must be removed after hitting two batsmen in any one inning.
- BALKS – One warning will be given per pitcher per game; this rule will be in effect the entire season including playoffs.
 - Any pitcher pitching 4 inning/game may not move to the catcher position.
6. The “Infield Fly Rule” will be in effect for all Major League games.
 7. The “Dropped 3rd Strike Rule” will be in effect the entire season and playoffs
 8. Official score must be kept; innings pitched and pitch count by each pitcher verified with the opposing coach’s signature.
 9. NO headfirst sliding is allowed at any base, except while returning back to a base to avoid a pick-off attempt. If a runner slides headfirst into a base at any time other than returning from a pick off, the runner is out
 10. Teams must complete a minimum of 12 games; this may require teams to make up for postponed games.
 11. Team rosters, w/player numbers, must be submitted for distribution to all teams prior to the beginning of the season.
 12. On an as-needed basis—in cases of potential forfeitures—players rostered on Minor League teams may play games at the Major League level. This rule is not intended to take playing time away from Major League players, and must not be used to “gain an advantage.” ***Substituting players should only play the minimum number of innings needed.***
 13. Manager/Coaches: There should be one Manager, two Coaches, and one score keeper on the bench. Managers and Coaches should wear a uniform or shirt that represents their township and identifies them as a manager or coach.