

# CHILI YOUTH BASEBALL

## General Rules

### **Age verification**

Any player falsifying age or address on the registration form or refusing to produce a birth certificate for verification of age will be suspended for the remainder of the season without a refund of registration fee. Only duly registered players will be allowed to play in the appropriate divisions. Any team playing a player not in the proper age bracket or not duly registered will FORFEIT all games in which this condition exists. The President and the Executive Board can terminate the coach of a team who plays such a player.

### **Appearance**

All players must have shirts tucked in and wear their uniforms properly. Ex. Socks pulled up and hats on correctly). Proper uniform consists of items provided by Chili Baseball such as T-shirt, pants, stirrups (socks) and hats.

### **Bases, Baseball and Softballs**

Home team coaches shall provide the bases, home plated and 1 new ball. Visiting coach will furnish the umpire with one good game ball. Tball coaches will provide batting T's.

### **Batting Order**

All players present will be placed in the batting order and will bat in their turn regardless of whether they are playing the field or not.

### **Bench, Dugouts, Playing Field**

Only coaches, assistants, scorekeepers, umpires and uniformed players for each team will be allowed on the bench, in the dugout or on the playing field.

### **Cancellations**

Games will be canceled only by the Division Director. Directors will notify each team's coach by 5:45pm. If not notified, players, coaches, etc. are expected to appear for the scheduled game. Once at the field, it will be the umpire's decision whether to play the game. Incomplete or rained out games will be rescheduled by the Division Director on the assigned day/time for their division on Fridays and Saturdays. Failure to show will result in a forfeit.

### **Coaches**

Coaches must be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, either good or bad, in the future of each player and should never place winning above the value of instilling the highest desirable ideals of character. A coach must remain the assigned field until ALL players have been picked up.

### **Curfew**

No inning will start after 8:15pm in June or 8:45 in July, except when a game is being played under the lights. An inning starts the moment the third out is made, completing the preceding inning.

### **Curfew/Tie Games**

When curfew is reached and a game is tied, the game will be declared officially a tie, if the required innings for an official game have been played.

### **Discipline (also see Sit Out)**

Any coach using a "sit-out" as a disciplinary measure must notify the opposing coach and the umpire prior to the start of the game. If the player is disciplined at some point during the game, the opposing coach and the umpire must be notified immediately.

### **Ground Rules**

Coaches must discuss ground rules for each field before the start of each game.

**Harassment, etc.**

Coaches and assistants will be held accountable for any harassment or abusive language directed at the umpire, opposing players or coaches by any associates of their players. After one warning to the responsible coach, the umpire may end the game and award it, by forfeit to the other team.

**Helmets**

All players must wear full protective helmets at all times when batting, base running or when in the coaches boxes. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE! When an umpire witnesses a runner (including the batter-runner) deliberately remove his batting helmet while the ball is alive, the umpire shall issue a warning to the coach of the involved player's team. All subsequent players of the warned team) will be declared automatically out.

**Injuries**

Coaches are responsible for reporting ALL injuries to the Division Director as soon as possible after the game.

**Late Arrivals**

A player who is not present when the game begins (but is expected to arrive) must be listed as the last batter in the lineup. Once said player arrives he will take his turn at bat as indicated in the scorebook. (The umpire, opposing team's coach AND both scorekeepers must be notified immediately.)

**Lightning**

PLAY WILL BE IMMEDIATELY SUSPENDED WHEN COACHES AND/OR UMPIRES OBSERVE LIGHTNING!

**Metal Spikes**

Players will not be permitted to wear metal spikes.

**Personal Equipment**

Chili Youth Baseball is NOT liable for a player's own equipment being lost or damaged.

**Pitchers**

A pitcher removed from the mound may not re-enter as a pitcher in that game. (A second visit to the mound by the defensive team's coach, assistant, etc. to talk to a pitcher would result in that player being removed from the mound by the umpire and that pitcher would be ineligible to pitch again in that game.)

NOTE: If a pitcher delivers ONE pitch in an inning, to either the catcher or to any of the bases, he shall be charged with one inning pitched.

**Pitching Limits**

Senior T-Shirts 3 innings per game

Uniform 3 innings per game

Pony 4 innings per game

Majors 3 innings per game

Seniors 4 innings per game

**Playing Time**

All players must play 3 innings in a complete game, 2 of which MUST be consecutive. T-Ball, Jr. T and Minors should consult their division rules for specifics.

**Protest Information**

Protests are permitted on calls in disagreement to the Chili Youth Baseball rules or pertinent rulebook. No protest shall ever be permitted on judgment calls by the umpire. In all protested games, the decision of the Chili Youth Baseball Board of Directors shall be final. A protest involving the misinterpretation of a playing rule must be made before the next pitch or before all infielders have left fair territory or if on the last play of the game, before the umpire(s) leave the playing field. NOTE: After one legal pitch has been thrown no protest can be made on any umpire's ruling. At the time the coach protests the games he shall make a notation in his scorebook and have it signed by the umpire. Protests must be made immediately and submitted in writing to the Division Director within 24 hours of the protest.

**Rainouts (also see Cancellations)**

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**Rule Violations**

If at any time a Chili Youth Baseball Board member witnesses a rule violation, they have the authority to correct the infraction immediately.

**Rules**

Under NO circumstances may coaches agree to change ANY General or Division rules at any time.

**Safety**

A player hit in the unprotected part of the head by any object or as a result of a collision MUST be removed from the game for one full inning. The player may return to the game only after his/her parent/legal guardian has made the determination that it is safe to do so.

**Scorebooks and Scorekeeping**

Each coach shall be accountable for keeping an accurate and current scorebook. Changes are official only when recorded in both teams' scorebooks. Failure to observe this rule will result in changes being declared illegal with appropriate penalties assessed. The Home Team's scorebook will be the official record for the game.

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**Start Times**

All games will begin promptly at 6:15pm. Any team not prepared to field 8 eligible, properly uniformed players by 6:30pm will forfeit the game.

**Thrown Bats, Helmets, etc.**

Throwing of any equipment (intentional or unintentional) will result in a team warning. The next time any player on the team throws equipment, he/she will be benched for the remainder of the game.

**Tobacco, etc.**

The use of tobacco in any form is ONLY allowed in the parking lot. This applies to umpires, coaches, or parents assisting with the players, not spectators. Unlighted cigars, cigarettes and pipes in the Coach and/or Assistant Coach's mouths will not be allowed. The use of alcohol, in any form is prohibited anywhere and at anytime during a Chili Baseball event.

**Umpire No-Show**

For all divisions with umpires, if the umpire does not show up, it will be up to both opposing coaches to provide an umpire(s) for the game. If no agreement can be reached on a suitable umpire then the opposing coaches will umpire the game. If the coaches STILL cannot come to an agreement then both teams will be charged with a loss.

**Winning Team**

Winning team must call the Division Director with the game score. Repeated failure by a coach to report scores to the Director could result in a reversal of the game results. This does not apply to T-Ball, Jr. T-Shirts or Minors.