**2020 BUCKEYES BOYS LITTLE LEAGUE RULES**

**Players**

1. **School boundaries will determine the selection of players.**
2. **Rosters will be composed of unlimited number of players. The number of 12 year olds on the roster will be unlimited but only 7 can be on the field at one time.**
3. **13 year olds are eligible to play in the league, as long as they are not eligible to play Junior High baseball (meaning they are not in 7th Grade). These players will count as the 7 player roster for 12 year olds (See B above). A 13 year old player may not be eligible for the Buckeye Boys All Star Team depending on the tournament the team may play in.**

**Protests**

**No protests will be allowed. It will be assumed that league coaches along with umpires involved in the game can get these situations figured out.**

**Pitching**

1. **There will be no more than 9 innings pitched per week, per pitcher. A pitcher will be allowed to pitch 6 of those innings in one game. Pitching rules will remain the same when a team has 3 games in a week. Same applies for any tournament game.**
2. **Pitchers will be allowed to pitch consecutive days as long as he does not pitch 4 or more innings on any one day and does not total more than 9 innings per week. If a pitcher pitches 4 or more innings in a game, he must rest 3 calendar days before he is eligible to pitch again.**

***Starting a new week does not exempt this rule.* If a pitcher pitches more than 3 innings on Friday, he will not be able to pitch on Monday.**

1. **One pitch constitutes an inning.**
2. **Once a pitcher is removed from the game, he cannot pitch in the remainder of the game.**
3. **The pitching distance will be from 50 feet.**

**Miscellaneous**

1. **Bases will be 70 feet apart**
2. **Rosters will be turned in by April 30th. If the rosters are not turned into the league president, the manager will be contacted to do so. All games will be forfeited until the roster is turned in.**
3. **Plate umpires must be 16 years of age or older. Base umpires may be under 16 years old provided the visiting manager approves.**
4. **Starting time for all games will be 6:30pm, unless agreed upon by both managers. There will be a 15 minute grace period to allow either team to field enough players to play the game. The game will start on time if both teams have 9 players to start the game. Teams may begin with 8 players, but the manager will have to decide: 1. If he will play the whole game with only 8 players and not take an out (not allowing him to enter a 9th player) or 2. Take an out in the 9th spot which allows him to enter a 9th player, if they show up. If a team has fewer than 8 players, the game will be considered a forfeit.**
5. **Any team that has a 15 run lead after 3, or a 12 run lead after 4 complete innings, will be declared the winner and the game is complete.**
6. **In the event that any matter arises which is not covered by the rules, the president of the league will make the final decision.**
7. **Catchers must wear a throat protector or a helmet with equivalent protection. They must also wear a protective cup.**
8. **No jewelry will be worn by players during the game.**
9. **The use of an illegal bat will result in the batter being called out and the bat will be reported to the league president. If a team uses an illegal bat a second time in a game, the game will be forfeited. A legal bat must meet Little League Specifications as noted in the Little League Rulebook. The bat barrel must be no more than 2 ¼ inches in diameter. USSSA bats can be used as well as USA bats. If USA bats are used, 2 5/8 inches barrel can be used.**
10. **A started or substitute player must play at least 6 defensive outs and bat at least once, before being taken out of the game. Illness and injury are the only exceptions.**
11. **In order for a starter to re-enter a game, he must sit out at least 6 defensive outs and 6 offensive outs. He must re-enter the game in the same spot in the batting order.**
12. **Base runners are able to slide head first, if desired. Both to an advancing bag and while retreating back to a bag.**
13. **A runner may leave the base when the ball leaves the pitcher’s hand. Failure to follow this rule will be an immediate “Dead Ball” with a warning given the first time. Subsequent violations will result in the runner being called “out”.**
14. **Runners must avoid a collision, when attempting to advance a base while a play is being made on them, even at home plate.**
15. **Rain suspended games will be resumed from the point the game was suspended, unless the game has completed 4 innings. Games will be delayed for 10 minutes, due to lightning.**

**Make-Up Games**

**Rescheduled games are to be played as part of the week they are played in. A week ends on Saturday at midnight.**

**Trophy and Entry Fees**

**The entry fees is $150 per team, payable to the Treasurer of the host town by April 30th. The money collected will be used for both league/tourney championship and runner up trophies, & the hosting of the League Tournament, as well as one All Star game.**

**Buckeye Boys All-Star Game**

**Each team will submit 3 players. League champions and runners up may submit 4 players each. The managers from the League Champion and Runner-Up will be the coaches. Each Manager will draft the players they want from the list provided by the coaches. There will be a home run derby before the game. 10 swings will be allowed per participant. Each homerun hit does not count as a swing. The top 2 players will face-off in the middle of the game.**

**Baseballs**

**Any regulation baseball may be used with the exception of plastic coated ones. Each team shall supply two newly packaged balls to the opposing team for them to use defensively so that each team gets to hit their own ball. The balls will be returned to each team following the game.**

**Reporting Games**

1. **The home team will report the score and pitchers’ innings to the league president by text immediately following the game being played.**

**Tournament Rules**

1. **Each pitcher is allowed 9 innings for the Tournament**
2. **A pitcher may only pitch 6 innings per game**
3. **The home team will be the higher seed according to the draw**
4. **All teams will be limited to 10 minutes of infield practice, before the start of the game**
5. **The tournament host will provide umpires, which will be paid by the league fees**
6. **The league run rule will still be in effect.**
7. **Teams will be placed on the tournament bracket (seeded) according to their record during league play. Ties in the standings will be broken by first considering head-to-head competition and then by a coin toss. All games played during the season will be counted for seeding purposes.**
8. **Rainout: Games already in progress will be considered suspended games and will continue from the point of the suspension of play. Games rained out will be rescheduled on the next available playing date without bumping already scheduled games.**
9. **One player from each team for each game played will be selected by the opposing coach to the All-Tourney Team and will be presented a plaque or medal immediately following the game. The Buckeye Boys All Star Team (different from All-Tourney Team) will be recognized after the Championship Game.**