

PARKVILLE CLINIC (6/7) BASEBALL GUIDELINES

CONDUCT

Managers have the responsibility for themselves, assistant coaches, players, and parents in reference to conduct. **Unsports-man-like** conduct may lead to an ejection from the game or removal from the field. As a manager, including any assistant coaches, you are role models and looked upon as such. The children you are coaching will view your actions and statements. Therefore all managers and coaches are prohibited from **fighting, using profanity, throwing equipment or uniforms, razing of players** (which includes your own child), **screaming or yelling at a player or players, being under the influence of alcoholic beverages**, and **smoking while on the field** or in view of any of the players. Managers and Assistant Managers need to be aware and to advise parents and visitors that Smoking on Baltimore County School Property is Prohibited.

Game Rules ****Please adhere to these rules for safety** Home team will occupy 1st base bench.**

- Fielding will consist of ten players in the field at the same time; (1 pitcher, 1 catcher, 4 infielders, and 4 outfielders). Outfielders must be near the grass of the outfield during play as their position is to backup the infield if the ball is not fielded by the infield players.
- The children **will not** pitch.
- Three (3) strikes is an out, third (3rd) strike must be a complete miss of the ball (i.e., a foul tip does not count as a 3rd strike). There is no walking of the batter.
- After five (5) hittable pitches, if a child has not struck out swinging or hit the ball, this will be considered an out.
- All players in the line-up will bat once each inning. If three outs are recorded the hitting team will continue to bat through the line-up. If a player strikes out they will return to the bench, if a player is put out at a base they will return to the bench.
- Batter is limited to one base for any ball hit in or through the infield. The only exception is if the ball is hit into the outfield in the air. The outfield boundary is the grassy area behind 1st, 2nd, and 3rd base. A ball hit over any of the base and landing in the dirt behind the bases and rolls into the outfield, the runner only gets 1 base.
- Batters may advance two bases on a ball hit into the outfield grass on the fly (in the air without hitting the infield at any time).
- No stealing or lead offs by base runners, runners must keep one foot on the base until the ball is hit.
- No advances by base runners on overthrows.
- All players **must** be on the bench, except for players in the field, the batter, and the on-deck batter. **NO Exceptions.**
- Field dimensions are 60 feet to bases.
- Catcher **MUST** wear all appropriate gear while behind the plate; (i.e., cup protector, facemask w/ helmet and throat protector, shin guards, and chest protector).
- All batters and base runners **MUST** wear protective helmets while batting and running bases, at all times.
- Games equal three innings or two hours, which ever comes first. There are no Winners or Losers in this League.
- In order to speed play, please have the batter and the on-deck batter ready to bat (with helmet on).
- At no time will underhand pitching be allowed, overhand throwing only by the coaches
- Remember this is for fun and a learning experience the children's objective is to learn and having fun while doing it.
- A parent or guardian must be present at the field with the child at all times, if that parent or guardian must leave the child leaves with that parent or guardian, unless arrangements have been made with the Manager first, this is in case of an emergency we need to have a parent or guardian present with the child.