

## **2019 Rule Changes (for 2020 State Tournament play):**

### **1.10 Bat regulations:**

- (A) All bats shall be a smooth, round stick with a barrel of not more than 2<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> inches in diameter at the thickest part and not more than 33 inches in length.
- (B) All baseball bats must conform to and meet the nationally-adopted youth baseball specifications and standards as derived from USA Baseball Bat (USABat) & shall have the USA Baseball logo in an effort to achieve consistency throughout all youth leagues. The old 'travel ball 2<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" big barrels' without the USA Baseball logo are not allowed.
- (C) Solid one-piece wood barrel bats with a barrel of not more than 2<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> inches in diameter at the thickest part and not more than 33 inches in length are permitted & do not require a USA Baseball logo.

**4.07** - When a manager, player or coach is ejected from the game, he shall leave the field immediately and take no further part in the game. He shall leave the park or take a seat in the grandstand well removed from the vicinity of his team's bench. **The ejected player or coach is not to participate in any game activities. No coaching or signals of any kind. Any violation of these terms will result in a warning first, which can be given at the time of ejection. The next offense will result in removal from the park before the game is resumed.** The ejected player or coach will also be suspended for the remainder of the game and from the next scheduled game for the team.

**8.06 – Visits to the pitcher (or any field visit) shall be limited as such:** This rule limits the number of manager or coach visits to any one pitcher or any player in any one inning or game.

(A) A third overall field visit of any kind, whether made to the same pitcher or any other player in the same inning will cause the pitcher's automatic removal.

(B) A fourth overall field visit of any kind in the game made w/ the same pitcher on the mound will require that pitcher to be removed from the game.

(C) The manager or coach, making a second visit to the mound or playing field while the same batter is at bat, will require the pitcher to be removed.

(D) A manager or coach is considered to have concluded his visit when he crosses back over the foul line. If the manager or coach goes to a player other than the pitcher, who in turn goes to or has the pitcher come to him before an intervening play (a pitch or other play), will be the same as the manager or coach making the visit.

(E) Any coach or manager trip to the field to visit any player on the field shall count as a trip to visit the pitcher for the sake of the visit count.

(F) Any coach or manager may not leave bench area for field visit without calling 'time' & receiving permission from umpire. A warning may be issued for first offense, then possible ejection if repeated.

**8.08 – TOURNAMENT PITCHING RULES (12U & 10U only)** – the following pitching rules will be implemented for State Tournament play. **No pitch counts will apply during State Tournament play.**

- 4 innings per game maximum per player.
- 12 Innings total per player in the District Round.
- 12 Innings total per player in the Semi-State Round.
- 12 Innings total per player in the State Finals Round.
- 1 Pitch to a batter in an inning equals one inning pitched.
- A starting pitcher can re-enter as a pitcher one time in a game. However, a re-entry of a pitcher in the same inning will count as two innings pitched for that pitcher. **Overall field visits shall be reset if starting pitcher re-enters game.** This applies to 12U & 10U only.
- The penalty for violation of the innings pitched rule in a game or during a round shall result in the forfeiture of that game.

### **8U Rule Changes:**

#### **Defense –**

- ❖ Play is stopped when the pitcher has the ball within the pitcher's circle, **OR if time out has been granted by the umpire after lead runner has been stopped on the base paths. Normal Baseball timeout guidelines apply.** Any runner that has reached the halfway line or forced from a base may proceed to the next base without the risk of being put out.