

# HAMPDEN 13YR OLD BASEBALL LEAGUE

## LEAGUE RULES

The PIAA rulebook will be used except as follows:

1. The (-5) or (-3) differential between bat length and weight will be maintained. BESR must be embossed on only a (-3) bat.
2. All players must play 6 consecutive defensive outs and bat one time during each game. **No player may initially enter the game after the 4<sup>th</sup> inning. If for any reason the game does not exceed 5 innings, the “must play” rule is waived.**
3. Each pitcher may pitch a total of 10 innings each week (Sunday through Saturday) with a maximum of 5 innings per game and at least two calendar days of rest after pitching 5 innings. One pitch constitutes an inning pitched.
4. Any violations of rules 2 or 3 will result in a forfeit of the game in which the violation occurred. If a protest is being filed because of violations of rules 2 or 3, the opposing coach must be notified in writing within 48 hours of the completion of the game. The commissioner will contact the coaches and the other parties as required to render a decision on the violation within one week of the game.
5. 75-foot base paths and a 54 feet 6 inch mound distance will be used.
6. No metal spikes or hard cutting edges on shoes will be allowed.
7. The designated hitter rule will not be in effect.
8. The free substitution rule will be used. Any player may reenter the game, but at least 9 players must bat before the player reentering the game may bat again. Once a pitcher leaves the mound, he may not return to pitch again in that game.
9. All weekday games will begin at 5:45 PM. The home team has the field for pre-game practice from 4:40–5:10 and the visiting team from 5:10–5:50. All games consist of 7 innings. If the umpires halt a game before the game is complete, the game shall be considered a complete game if the 4<sup>th</sup> innings has been completed with the visiting team ahead, or if the 3 ½ innings have been completed if the home team is ahead. Any game that is halted by the umpires before the above conditions are met must be replayed in its entirety. PIAA 10 run rule will apply in games. PIAA 15 run rule will also apply, but the game must meet the complete game criteria stated earlier in this rule.

10. The **winning** coach is responsible for completing a game report via the Greater West Shore Teener Website (<http://eteamz.active.com/gwsta/>) within 48 hours. Each coach will be given a userid and password to enter game report information. Instructions for posting game reports will be distributed at the coaches meeting prior to the start of the season.
11. Balk rule will be used at the umpires' discretion. After June 1, umpires will be instructed to call flagrant balks after one warning to the pitcher.
12. If a player is being disciplined or injured, the opposing coach must be notified before the game starts or at the time of the disciplinary action or injury if it occurs while the game is in progress. The notification should take place at the pre game meeting at home plate with the umpires and be noted in the scorebooks.
13. Wilson 1010 or equivalent baseballs must be used. The home teams will supply 3 baseballs per game, with at least 2 being new.
14. The home team is responsible for paying the umpires fees per Cumberland Valley Umpires Association (CVUA). In most instances two umpires will be used unless a scheduling conflict exists with CVUA.
15. In the event of a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place in a division, the following tie breaker rules will apply. Head-to-head results from games played between the two teams involved. If a tie still exists, then the least total runs given up in head-to-head games played between the two teams involved. If a tie still exists, a one game playoff will be played to determine a winner.

## **INFORMATION REMINDERS**

1. PIAA 10 run rule applies.
2. PIAA speed up rule will apply.
3. A base coach, if a player, must wear a helmet
4. Review PIAA rules in regard to catchers' equipment requirements and players that warm up pitchers.
5. HYBA Code of Conduct will be followed in this league.