

## **Xenia Scouts Youth Baseball—Athletes in Action Sports Complex**

### *Tournament Rules--9U*

1197 S. Detroit Street - Xenia, Ohio 45385

#### **Coaches:**

1. Review all tournament information with team and parents.
2. Complete roster form as well as AIA Liability Release Agreement for all players and submit to tournament director prior to first game. A team may not begin play until these forms are turned into the tournament director.
3. Birth certificates do not need to be submitted, but should be available in the case of a dispute.
4. **Contact Tournament Director, Dave Gnau at 937.352.1225**, if you have any questions.

#### **Player Eligibility**

No player may turn the age of 10 before May 1 of the current year. NO EXCEPTIONS. Once the Tournament begins no player may be added to a roster. No player may participate on more than one (1) team during the tournament. Any violation of using an ineligible player will result in automatic dismissal of that player, the head coach and possibly the entire team for the remainder of the tournament. A protest of a player's eligibility must take place either prior to the start of a game or afterwards. Play should never be stopped due to a protest. All protest must be heard and decided on by the tournament director.

#### **Equipment**

1. Metal spikes are prohibited.
2. The catcher must wear all appropriate protective gear: protective catcher's helmet with face mask, chest protector, shin guards and protective cup.
3. There are no glove or bat Restrictions.
4. All bat boys must wear a batting helmet when outside the dugout.

#### **Game Length**

All games shall be six (6) innings in length, unless any of the following occur:

*Time Limit:* During Pool Play, no inning shall start after 1 hour 45 minutes, play shall continue, however no inning shall start after two (2) hours (game shall be deemed a tie at this point). All playoff and Championship games will be played until a winner has been determined.

#### **Mercy Rule**

10 runs after 4 innings

15 runs after 3 innings

\*Tie-breakers will be determined by runs allowed then by total runs scored if necessary

#### **Weather/ Act of God**

If a game is called due to rain, darkness, or other acts of God and cannot be resumed, it will be considered a complete game if four (4) innings have been completed; or if the home team has

scored more runs in three and a half innings than the visiting team has scored in four innings; or if the home team scores one or more runs in three and a half innings than the visiting team has scored in four innings; or if the home team scores one or more runs in its half of the fourth innings to take the lead.

### **Game Rules**

1. OHSAA will be followed unless otherwise noted in these rules.
2. Game time is forfeit time. Please have your team warmed up and ready to play.
3. No infield practice. All warm-up activities must be conducted in the outfield and batting cage and not in front of the dugouts.
4. For all pool play games, a flip of the coin between two managers will determine the home team. For all seeded games, the higher seed will be the Home team.
5. The home team shall keep the official scorebook and report score.
6. A continuous batting order will be used. All players in uniform must be in the batting order. An injured player may be withheld from the batting order as long as the coach reports this to the opposing coach prior to the game's start. In a continuous batting order, the spot occupied by an ejected player is an automatic out for the rest of the game.
7. A player will be called out if he throws his bat again after one (1) warning per game.
8. Whenever a tag play is evident, runners must seek to avoid contact with the fielder. Malicious contact shall supersede all obstruction penalties. PENALTY: Runner shall be declared out and may be ejected from the game at the umpire's discretion.
9. In the event of a forfeit, score shall be recorded as 0-7 Game Rules (cont.)
10. Free substitution shall be used defensively, except for the pitcher. Once the Pitcher has been removed from the pitching position, he shall not return to the pitching position that game. There will be one balk warning per pitcher.
11. The head coach is responsible for the behavior of players, coaches, parents, and fans. If a player, assistant coach, or family member of a team is thrown out, head coach will also be removed. Additionally, if a player or coach is ejected from a game, they must sit out the remainder of that game, as well as the following game (exception: if a coach is removed due to one of his players, assistant coaches or family members being removed, the coach may return for the following game). Finally, both coaches are to report the incident to the tournament director immediately.
12. The umpires are in charge of the game. Arguing or abuse WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. The umpires' decision on any judgment call is final.

### **Pitching Limits**

Pitchers may pitch 9 innings max for the tournament however, if they pitch 6 innings in one day they are not permitted to pitch again in the tournament.

### **Protests**

No protest shall be allowed. All issues must be resolved on the field, before the next pitch is thrown. Coaches may ask for a conference with the umpire, at which time they are expected to show the umpire what rule is in question, and explain why they feel the incorrect call was made.

Judgment calls are never subject to discussion. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the protesting coach to have an OHSAA Rulebook and a copy of these rules on hand for reference regarding the rule in question.

**Pool Play & Cross-Over Tie Breakers**

1. Head to Head\*
2. Runs Allowed
3. Run Differential (Max +/- 7 Runs per Game)
4. Lowest Single Game Runs Allowed
5. Coin Flip

\* In the event of a three-way tie, the procedure will go to step two, unless one team has beaten both of the teams.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RE-FORMAT THE TOURNAMENT. NO FEE REFUND WILL BE ISSUED FOR GAMES MISSED.