

# Calumet County Youth Sports League

## 2015 Rules

**Purpose:** To promote the game of baseball and provide area youth with the opportunity to develop and learn the game through practice and games.

### League Wide Rules:

1. Sportsmanship will be encouraged by players, coaches, and fans.
2. The league does not carry insurance.
3. Umpires are supplied by the home team; it is recommended that officials be qualified.
4. Games and scores will be updated by the coaches on Google Docs. This will be used to determine seeding for tournaments and to record innings pitched.
5. Players are expected to be properly equipped.
6. Players are expected to play for their community. If a player is going to change teams it should be done when they switch levels or players must sit out one year. Hardships can be argued to the league.
7. One pitch is considered an inning. Once a pitcher is removed, they can return to pitch if they have sat at least three outs.
8. Anyone replaced in the lineup must sit for six outs before returning to the lineup. The player will bat in the same spot in the order.
9. A courtesy runner is allowed for the catcher. A bench player should be used first or the last out if there is no bench player.
10. Players are encouraged to slide on close plays; any illegal contact will be determined by the umpire and safe or out call will be based on decision. If flagrant action is determined, the player could be ejected.
11. Intentional walks will be allowed in Pony and Colt Leagues. Pitches do not need to be thrown.
12. Coaches get one mound visit per inning. If there is a second visit for the same pitcher they must be removed.
13. Traveling league may use a fourth outfielder.
14. Teams either bat their lineup based on nine or ten position players, or the entire roster.
15. If a player leaves due to injury, an out will not be charged. If they leave for any other reason, that spot in the order will incur an out unless mutual agreement is decided by the coaches before the game.
16. A DH may be used for Pony and Colt Leagues.
17. Any player or coach ejected will sit a game (determined by innings for specific levels) based on when the ejection occurred.

## **Levels and Specific Rules:**

**Travel League** – May not reach 10<sup>th</sup> birthday before April 30<sup>th</sup> of current year

- 46 ft pitching mound (move up to 40 if necessary)/60 foot bases
- Pitching – 2 innings per game/4 innings per week plus 1 if there are extra innings and they are pitching
- No leading off or stealing
- Bat size 2 ¼
- Plastic spikes only
- After a team scores 5 runs in an inning, the team on offense will switch to defense

**Little League** – May not reach 13<sup>th</sup> birthday before April 30<sup>th</sup> of current year

- 46 ft pitching mound/60 foot bases
- Pitching – 3 innings per game/6 innings per week plus 1 if there are extra innings and they are pitching
- No leading off – stealing allowed (not home) a ball thrown back to the pitcher is considered a live ball
- Anyone leading off before a pitch will be called out the next time after a warning has been issued by an umpire
- Bat size 2 ¼
- Plastic spikes only
- A game may be called after the top of the fourth inning if the home team is ahead by 10 runs or if the away team is ahead after the bottom of the fourth is completed

**Pony** – May not reach 15<sup>th</sup> birthday before April 30<sup>th</sup> of current year

- 54 ft pitching mound/75 foot bases
- Pitching – 4 innings per game/8 innings per week plus 1 if there are extra innings and they are pitching
- Open Baseball – leading off and stealing allowed
- Bat size 2 5/8 (Drop of -10 maximum)
- Plastic or metal spikes are allowed
- A game may be called after the top of the fifth inning if the home team is ahead by 10 runs or if the away team is ahead after the bottom of the fifth is completed

**Colt** – May not reach 19<sup>th</sup> birthday before April 30<sup>th</sup> of current year

- 60'6" pitching mound/90 foot bases
- Pitching WIAA Rules
- Open Baseball - All WIAA rules apply

**\*\*\*\* A player can be moved down a level at the coach's discretion based on ability or need to fill a roster. A player can also be moved up. \*\*\*\***

## League and Tournament Tie-Breaker Rules

1. Overall Record
2. Head to Head
3. Record against 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place, 5<sup>th</sup> place, etc
4. Total Runs Allowed

### Tournament Play:

1. Pitchers in Little League will be allowed to pitch 8 innings and Pony League 10 innings. Innings DO NOT count for the first game played by teams that DO NOT receive a bye in the first round.
2. All-Star Game: Teams will be decided based on how many teams are in each league and be grouped by rank.
3. League Fees: \$225/Team

### Dates:

Season starts the week of June 1<sup>st</sup>

Traveling League Tournament is July 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

Little League and Pony League Tournament is July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

Little League and Pony League All Star Game is July 26<sup>th</sup>

<u>Tournament Hosts:</u>	Traveling League	Little League/Pony League
2015	Hilbert	Stockbridge
2016	Stockbridge	Brillion
2017	Brillion	Harrison
2018	Harrison	Hollandtown
2019	Hollandtown	Hilbert