

Park Field Rules-Baseball/Softball (In-Season)

First off let's remember that we are an instructional league park, and our first priority is to teach the players fundamental baseball. Common sense must come into play at some point and realize these are children and can't fully comprehend major league rules. Use your best judgment.

1. Overthrow Rule- This rule is in effect for 5yr old coach pitch only. If a ball is thrown to first and is "overthrown" the runners can only advance one base.
2. In the case of a close game (within 4 runs) and a player is injured with 10 minutes or less the clock must stop until the player is able to play or replaced.
3. Sun Glasses- Players are allowed to wear sunglasses (unless on the mound).
4. Jewelry-Players are allowed to wear 1 necklace (ex: Phiten Players Necklace).
5. Clothing-Players are allowed to wear long sleeve shirts under their uniforms. All colors are allowed (ex: white, yellow, red, black, etc...)
6. Umpires must wear Umpire shirts, shorts, and pants. No exceptions. For more information see the Board Member Umpire Liaison-Rance Pilkington.
7. Balks-During the first 2 weeks of the season balks will not be called during 9/10 games, but the umpire will address it so the coaches can teach properly. The only way a balk can be called is if the player stops during the throwing motion. After the 2 weeks balks will be called. {11/12's balks will be called from the first game on}
8. Pitching-11/12 will pitch under Dizzy Dean rules. 9/10's will pitch under a pitch count. Pitchers can pitch up to 60 pitches in a day and 120 in a week. If a player goes over 60 he must rest for 48hrs. He may go over 60 to finish a batter but must come out of the game after that.
9. 1st base coaches can give the player a "congratulatory" high five after the player has turned towards the fence and is making his approach towards the base. After that player has taken the base the coach can not touch him. 3rd base coach cannot touch player unless time is called.

10. Uniforms- Players must have their shirts tucked in (unless special circumstances prohibit it). Coaches must have coach's shirt/Board member shirt on and exercise shorts/pants or khaki shorts. Umpires must be in full uniform (shorts accepted).
11. Protests/Appeals/Questions- Coaches are allowed to call time out to do any of the before mentioned at least once during an inning. The umpire shall give instructional comments to the coaches so as to help teach the players.
12. A game will not be called (if time has run out) until the inning has expired. In the case of a close game the home team gets their last "at bat" in the spirit of competition.
13. A new pitching week starts on Sunday. In other words a pitcher can start over on Monday.
14. If an umpire becomes a distraction to the game or instigates an incident (more than once) that umpire will not be allowed to umpire at Moody again.
15. Smoking- There is to be no smoking under the concession stand awnings or near the playing fields (dugouts or bleachers). Smoking is allowed at the end of the fences (right or left field) away from the main playing field and concession stand. Per City Ordinance.
16. Bats- Composite bats, Tee Ball bats, and/or CP (Coach Pitch) bats are banned. The only composite bats allowed are the ones that are half and half. Aluminum barrel with composite handles. If a banned bat is used that player is out and bat taken up. If it happens again, the coach is suspended for 2 games. The **ONLY** exception is $\frac{3}{4}$ tball that is not sanctioned by Dizzy Dean. They can use tball bats. For more information ask a board member.
17. Code of Conduct- Remember all coaches, parents, etc... Are expected to follow the park code of conduct. See website for more details.

Thank you,

Moody Youth Association