

# North League Baseball/Softball Rules

## 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade

### GAME TIME:

- Games will be 55 minutes; i.e. batter will finish at bat at 55 minutes
- Game clock will start right at game time or after the previous game is over and players have cleared the dugout. Be prepared to hustle.
- No forfeits, organize games with players that are present
- There will be NO postponing or rescheduling games
- Rainouts will not be rescheduled except when less than 7 games are played in a season (Plain City only, I will try my best to reschedule all rainouts:))

	Pitching	Base Distance	Uniforms: No metal cleats
<b>3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Softball:</b>	30 feet- 11" softball	50 feet	Shorts can be worn with slider shorts underneath
<b>3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Baseball:</b>	40 feet- Standard size baseball *a player may only pitch in 3 innings per game	60 feet	Long pants should be worn

### DEFENSE:

- All players must play at least 2 innings on defense
- Catchers are required to wear full protective equipment
- No infield fly will be called

### BATTING/OFFENSE:

- Each team must bat all players. Helmets must be worn at all times when batting or running.
- No stealing or leading off. Runner may only advance on a hit. No balk calls will be made.
- On a batted ball a runner may advance as far as possible until the series of play associated with the hit ends. When the base runner's progress is stopped and the ball is returned to the pitcher on the mound, the series of play is ended. If the runner is on third base, he must stay on third until the next series of play starts.
- Catcher interference infraction: batter is awarded a ball. Base runners will not advance.
- On third strike or called third strike (even if dropped by catcher) the batter is out. No throw to first is necessary.
- A Tee may be used on the 4<sup>th</sup> ball instead of taking a Walk. At batters' discretion, walk or hit off the Tee.
- We will enforce an avoid contact or must slide rule at all bases. Malicious contact-runner will be ejected. It is the discretion of the umpire if the runner is trying to avoid contact.
- Maximum of 6 runs per inning or 3 outs- whichever comes first. Until play clock finishes.

### SPORTSMANSHIP:

We encourage all spectators and participants not to question or argue with the decisions of the umpire. An important part of this program will be to teach good sportsmanship and learn to accept all decisions rendered.

\*No profane or abusive language is allowed!!! Or the player will be ejected.