

# North League Baseball/Softball Rules

## 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade(revised)

### GAME TIME:

- Games will be 55 minutes; i.e. batter will finish at bat at 55 minutes (If field space/time allows, we will finish the inning, PC only)
- 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>5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Softball:</b>	40 feet- 12" softball	60 feet	Shorts can be worn with slider shorts underneath
<b>5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Baseball:</b>	46 feet- baseball *a player may only pitch in 3 innings per game	70 feet	Long pants must be worn

### DEFENSE:

- All players must play defense somewhere through out the game. Defense substitutions can be made at anytime.
- 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.
- Baseball: Leading off and base stealing are allowed
- Softball: Can leave base and/or steal after the ball has left the pitcher's hand.
- Catcher interference infraction: batter is awarded a ball. Base runners will not advance..
- 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 4 runs per inning or 3 outs- whichever comes first. Until play clock finishes.
- Balks will not be called.
- A batter may not advance to 1<sup>st</sup> base on a dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike. The batter is out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> strike.

### 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.