

**A Division Rules
Floresta Baseball League
(Revised 2/7/2024)**

(NOTE: these rules supersede the little league rules, and where a rule isn't called out below, we rely on the little league rule book)

1. THE FIELD

- a. Bases are set 50 feet apart,

2. FIELD PREPARATIONS:

- a. Home Team shall take the third (3rd) base dugout and shall set up the field and shall provide a modified scorekeeper. Scorekeeper keeps track of outs, pitch count and running line-ups each inning
- b. Visiting Team shall take the first (1st) base dugout and take down the field and shall provide an announcer.
- c. Both teams are required to “clean-up” their dugout after their respective game is complete. Please ensure scorekeeper and announcers keep the scorekeeping booth clean and ready for the next game. No spitting sunflower seed shells on the floor!

3. EVERY PLAYER

- a. Shall play a minimum of two innings on the field and shall be part of the running batting line-up.
- b. To rotate positions fairly, every player shall have an opportunity to play at least one inning in an infield position (third, short, second, first, catcher, or pitcher) each game. The only exception to this rule is if the coach feels a player is not capable of defending himself in a particular infield position. In this case, the coach needs to initiate a conversation with the parent to explain the circumstances before the game starts.
- c. A Player who leaves a game and wants to re-enter shall be allowed to reenter.

- 4. BATTING ORDER** must change with each game. No player will be in the same position in the batting order for more than 2 consecutive games.

5. THE GAME

- a. Shall be five innings long or one and half hours, whichever comes first.
- b. No score is recorded

- c. The side is retired when the team batting has three outs or the team has batted once through the line-up; whichever comes first
- d. A final inning may not start if 1hr 20 min has expired since the start of the game. Regardless of where the inning is, game play ends right at the one and half hour mark
- e. PITCHING shall be done by the coaching staff. Coaches can not intentionally interfere with the ball in play. If the ball accidentally hits the coach the ball is still live.
- f. UMPIRE: The coach doing the pitching shall serve as the umpire

6. **THE MANAGER**

- a. Coach and Manager are to stay inside dugout with the exception of base coaches.
- b. Is responsible for their players and parents conduct during the games.

7. **THE BATTER** shall receive 7 pitches. If the ball is not put in play after 7 pitches the batter is out.

8. **BASE RUNNERS**

- a. Runners shall stay on their bases until the pitched ball has been batted. No penalty as this is a developmental division. Provide instruction instead.
- b. Runners can not advance on an overthrow

9. **SLIDING**

- a. No runner shall slide head first, feet first only.
- b. There is NO sliding into 1st Base.

10. **BATS** -All bats used in practice and games must be USA Bat approved. The bat must display the USA bat logo. The bat barrel diameter cannot exceed $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches. Big barrel bats are okay. Wooden bats are allowed as long as the barrel meets the requirements. No Bamboo Bats or Softball Bats.

11. **BATTERS AND BASE RUNNERS** shall wear helmets and proper game attire (cups -boys only, shirts tucked, hats on forward except the catcher).

12. **RESCHEDULING** shall be coordinated with the General Manager of the division and affected team managers.

13. **ALL-STARS:**

- a. Each team shall be represented. The number of players per team will be determined each year by the General Manager. The players will be selected by the manager of each team. The roster will be capped at twelve players. .