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Wayne County Rural League Rules

Coaches: No swearing or obscene gestures at practice or games. Smoking or chewing tobacco products on the field or in or around the dugouts is prohibited. Penalty: 1<sup>st</sup> offense is automatic ejection from the present game and the following game. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense, coach is banned from participation in any league function, I.E. coaching, scorekeeper, etc. The umpire will call the coaches conduct.

To all spectators: Any Spectator causing a disturbance by arguing with Umpires or Coaches will be asked to leave the property of the ball diamond. If Spectator refuses to leave, their team will forfeit game. If offending Spectator is a parent, than both Parent and Child will be banned from all properties associated with the Wayne County Rural Youth League for one year.

The Colt League will be following High School Rules except for the following:

1. Any team 15 minutes late will forfeit.
2. If no one calls visiting team or is not at the ballpark to tell the visitors the game is cancelled, home team will forfeit.
3. The league will consist of players ranging from 13-15 years old. Players may not turn 16 before May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season. Players in this league cannot be a member of their high school team. **Every player listed on the roster must play at least 50% of the regular season games to be eligible for the season ending tourney. Every team is required to keep a scorebook for every game to show proof of the above if necessary.**
4. Players may move up a division to field a team. You may not move a player down to a lower division to field a team. You also may not bring any player over to field your team (from another team - same league, softball player, etc). Move-up players may not start until the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, unless a position cannot be filled by a player on the original team roster.
5. Bases will be set at 80 feet and the Pitching Mound at 56 feet.
6. Pitchers may pitch 4 innings a game. Once a pitcher is removed from the game, he is done pitching, except for extra innings. Pitchers are allowed 1 extra inning if the game goes into extra innings. Any player who has not pitched at all, may pitch 4 innings of an extra inning game.
7. Total runs scored head to head shall be used for any league standings deciding 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the league.
8. Bat size: 2 5/8 in -3 (Players may use 2 ¼ in with no weight restrictions).
9. Must use 1 IHSAA patch umpire on the field. A team that chooses to bat their entire lineup will have unlimited defense substitution. If you choose to bat 9, you must comply with IHSAA substitution rules. These are your only two options for batting lineup.

- 10.7 inning game. 15 runs after 4 innings or 10 runs after 5 innings is a complete game. There will be a 2:15 time limit on all games, regular season only. No new inning can be started after the time limit has been hit. 5 innings is a complete game if the game is called due to weather, darkness or time limit. If the game is halted before 5 innings it will start completely over. In the season ending tourney, all games will be played to completion, except for run rule. When a game is called due to weather or darkness, it will pick up exactly where it left off except for the ball/strike count.
11. To help speed up the game, the courtesy runner rule can be used. With 2 outs and your catcher on any base, any substitute may be entered to run for the catcher. This will allow the catcher to come off the field and begin to put his gear on. If you do not have an eligible sub, the player who made the last out is to be used. Coaches are also reminded that by IHSAA rules, there is a 1 minute time limit between innings. Please hustle your teams on and off the field as soon as the 3<sup>rd</sup> out is made. This could affect how many warm up pitches your pitcher is allowed to throw.
12. The use of the DH is not allowed in this league.
13. Both coaches and umpires will meet before the start of the game to discuss ground rules and answer any questions before the game starts.
14. There are only 2 reasons where a game may be postponed and rescheduled. The first is due to weather. If a team feels they have another legitimate reason to postpone a game, they must request that their town commissioner notify the other board members to get permission. Just being short 1-2 players is not a legitimate reason. That is why we have the move up rule.