



**2022**

**VILLAGE BASEBALL**

**HOUSE RULES**

# **GAME DAY REQUIREMENTS**

## **HOME TEAMS**

- ✓ Drag fields AFTER game
- ✓ Keep score/pitch count (official scorebook in shed)
- ✓ Get 2 new baseballs from the snack bar

## **VISITING TEAMS**

- ✓ Take out/set up pitching machine for first game of the day
- ✓ Take out/set up bases for first game of the day
- ✓ Put away pitching machine for the last game of the day
- ✓ Put away bases for the last game of the day

## **TAKING INFIELD (optional)**

- ✓ Visiting team - 25 minutes prior to the game
- ✓ Home team - 15 minutes prior to the game
- ✓ Managers meeting – 5 minutes prior to the start of the game
- ✓ If there is not enough time for both teams to have 10 minutes, split time equally
- ✓ No team shall allow players on the infield dirt (including the mound) prior to the visiting team taking infield

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- ✓ Any game protest must be based on a rule challenge, not a judgment call.
- ✓ Protests must be made in writing to the Umpire-In-Chief, within 24 hours, citing the specific rule violated and how it affected the game.
- ✓ All teams/parents responsible for cleaning their dugout/bleacher area after every game

# VILLAGE MAJORS RULES

- The key to a season is to develop the players, especially as many pitchers and catchers as possible for your team
- Know your Little League rule book rules and restrictions in terms of rest days and pitch counts, including how they affect the catcher position
- Drop 3<sup>rd</sup> strike in effect all season
- Make sure your players use approved bats (USA Baseball). Multiple offenders subject to suspension by Board/Rules Committee vote
- Familiarize yourselves with the Little League rules book for all new rules (i.e., No stealing signs, etc.), but do not bring your rule book onto the field
- During the regular season, free substitutions are allowed on defense to avoid players sitting multiple innings in a row.
- During the regular season, continuous batting order in effect (bat the entire lineup)
- For In-House tournament, post season tournament rules are in effect (i.e., bat 9 players, no free subs on defense, etc)
- Games may start with 8 players. If you are short, contact the Player Agent for pool players from a lower division.
- Seeding for post-season In-House Tournament decided by standings against LVLL teams only
- Contact the Umpire-In-Chief for any rained-out game to be rescheduled. When possible, they will be played on the first available Sunday, if another date cannot be found
- Little League mercy rule in effect for all games. (10 after 4 or 15 after 3) If a mercy rule game is called, the remaining time up to 2 hours may be used as developmental play if both managers agree. Pitch count rules will be followed.
- Major's games shall be 6 innings with no new inning after 2:15. Prior to daylight savings, games may be shorter if insufficient light as determined by the umpires. All In-House Tournament games will have no time limit.
- The number of coaches assisting during games to be determined by the umpire for regular season games (at least 4)
- Ties are permitted