

## Interlochen Baseball Rules and Guidelines

### GAME SET-UP:

- 1) THIS IS A FUN – RECREATIONAL LEAGUE. SCORE IS KEPT BUT WE WANT TO STRESS KIDS AND ADULTS ARE TO HAVE FUN WHILE PLAYING BASEBALL. UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED BY PLAYERS OR COACHES.
- 2) Players will be expected to arrive at least fifteen minutes before game time.
- 3) Each child must wear long pants to all games. – NO SHORTS
- 4) A forfeit will be declared if a team is more than FIFTEEN minutes late. (A practice game is then recommended.)
- 5) If the coaches decide the playing area and/or the weather might be harmful to any of the players, the game will not begin. THE FIRST SIGN OF LIGHTING MUST DELAY THE GAME BY 15 MIN. THE UMPIRE HAS THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE GAME.
- 6) The team listed first in the pairing on the schedule is the visiting team and bat first. The team listed second will be the home team and bat last.
- 7) Games are 6 innings or 1 hour and ten minutes.
- 8) NO INNINGS MAY BEGIN after the time **1 HOUR and TEN MINUTES**. Games which end in a tie due to this rule will end in a tie.
- 9) If a game is cancelled due to weather, a make-up game shall be scheduled the next available Thursday night at the end of the season. Coaches need to notify league director if game has been canceled.
- 10) RAIN OUT HOTLINE is 231-313-1300. IF league director cancels games they will be canceled by 5:15pm. Please listen to the voicemail. IF they are not canceled by then please report to your game.

### GAMES RULES

- 1.) Stolen Bases:
  - A. Players must wait until the ball crosses home plate.
  - B. Players may only steal ONE base at a time.
  - C. NO LEADOFFS
  - D. NO STEALING HOME
- 2.) Bunting is allowed.

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- 3.) The ball must be in the infield and under control by a player to call time out. On a hit ball, runners must stop advancing once the ball has entered and is in the possession of a player in the infield. The umpire will call dead ball at this time. Any runner not more than halfway to the next base at the time the ball enters the infield must return to the previous base. Runner will be allowed to return to previous base without being out. Anything that is foul or goes out of the field of play it is a DEAD BALL. YOU CAN NOT ADVANCE ON A DEADBALL.
- 4.) All players are to play at least 2 innings per game in the field.
- 5.) Only 7 runs may score per inning. Runs are counted. Outs are counted. **Score is kept, but winning & losing are not emphasized.**
- 6.) 6 innings per game or 1 hour and ten minute time limit.
- 7.) The infield fly rule is not in effect.
- 8) Two adult base coaches will be permitted, and one adult is in the dugout at all times.
- 9) Catcher must wear catcher's mask and equipment.
- 10) Offensive players must wear helmets while on the field (Batting, on base or in the on deck circle).
- 11) Base runners must slide or avoid contact.
- 12) No metal spikes allowed of any kind!

### **Sportsmanship is emphasized in the league!**

Coaches, managers, players and parents are prohibited from harassing other players or the umpires.

Umpires are provided by Green Lake Township. All calls are final and no disputes.

**Set a good example for our kids!**

#### Manager's responsibility

Take charge of any and every situation! Provide a controlled fun environment for the kids to play ball

Back up the umpires! Do not disagree with the umpires regardless of the decision or call.

Stress sportsmanship and fair play with your players. Try to provide equal playing time to all your players at all positions.

Have fun and enjoy the season! Make it a pleasurable experience for the players, managers, coaches, umpires and parents.

The league director reserves the right to suspend any player, parent or fan if behavior warrants such action. Suspension can be one game, multiple games or for the season.

## 2010 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

All BASEBALL GAMES PALYED ON MIDDLE FIELD/FIELD 3

ALL GAMES PLAYED ON THURSDAYS EXCEPT FOR FIELD OD DREAMS DAY (SATUARDAY, JUNE 19)

JUNE 3rd

6:00pm Bobs Well Drilling vs. Mesick Dental  
7:15pm Star Truck Rental vs. Bobs Well Drilling

JUNE 10<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm Star Truck Rental vs. Mesick Dental  
7:15pm Mesick Dental vs. Bobs Well Drilling

JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm Bobs Well Drilling vs. Start Truck Rental  
7:15pm Mesick Dental vs. Star Truck Rental

FIELD OF DREAMS DAY – SATAURDAY, JUNE 19 – games are played on Adult Field next to playground (rain out day is Sunday June 20)

10am Bobs Well Drilling vs. Mesick Dental  
11:35am Mesick Dental vs. Star Truck Rental  
1:05pm Star Truck Rental vs. Bobs Well Drilling

JUNE 24<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm Mesick Dental vs. Bobs Well Drilling  
7:15pm Star Truck Rental vs. Bobs Well Drilling

Visiting team is listed first, home team second. All games MUST be played as scheduled. No Exceptions!

First Available Rain out night July 1<sup>st</sup>,