

Interlochen COACH PITCH Baseball Rules and Guidelines

GAME SET-UP/RULES

- 1) Players will be expected to arrive at least fifteen minutes before game time.
- 2) Each child must wear long pants to all games. No shorts!
- 3) A forfeit will be declared if a team is more than FIFETEEN minutes late. (A practice game is then recommended.)
- 4) If the coaches decide the playing area and/or the weather might be harmful to any of the players, the game will not begin. If lightning is spotted, play will be stopped for fifteen minutes (from last lightning flash). If no more lightning is spotted after fifteen minutes, the game will resume. Please contact league director if game is canceled at 231-313-1300 for any reason. State what game is canceled.
- 5) 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.
- 6) Games are 6 innings or 1 hour and ten minutes.
- 7) 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. We do not stress winning in our league.
- 8) The 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.
- 9.) 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. The umpire/coach will call dead ball at this time. Any runner not more than halfway to the next base at the time the ball enters the circle 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.**
- 10.) All players are to play at least 2 innings per game in the field.
- 11.) Only 7 runs may score per inning. Runs are counted. Outs are counted. **Score is kept, but winning & losing are not emphasized.**
- 12.) Two adult base coaches will be permitted, and one adult is in the dugout at all times.
- 13.) Catcher must wear catcher's mask and equipment.
- 14.) Offensive players must wear helmets while on the field (Batting, on base or in the on deck circle).
- 15.) Base runners must slide or avoid contact.
- 16.) No metal spikes allowed of any kind, rubber cleats ok.
- 17.) Runner cannot leave the base before the ball crosses home plate and the ball is hit by batter. There is no stealing

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- 18.) Parents and fans - No alcohol at the field. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated by coaches, players and or fans. This is a program for the kids and is a recreational atmosphere. Please respect those around you.

Sportsmanship is emphasized in the league!
Coaches, managers, players and parents are prohibited from harassing other players or the umpires.

Umpires are volunteer parents who might need assistance from both managers from time to time.

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. If you strongly disagree, discuss it after the inning is over and discreetly point out where you feel the umpire is in error.

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.

****Field 1 will be used for Coach Pitch (closest to playground).**

2010 Schedule

Wednesday, 5/26	6:10 Teams 1-2 7:25 Teams 3-4	Wed. 6/16	6:10 Teams 4 - 3 7:25 Teams 2 - 1
Wednesday, 6/2	6:10 Teams 3-2 7:25 Teams 4-1	Wed. 6/23	6:10 Teams 2-3 7:25 Teams 1-4
Wednesday, 6/9	6:10 Teams 3 -1 7:25 Teams 2- 4	Wed. 6/30	6:10 Teams 1-3 7:25 Teams 4-2

Field of Dreams Day - Saturday June 19 (if canceled due to rain – Sunday June 20th)

	T-ball - Field 1	*Coach Pitch - Field 2*	Baseball – Adult Field 1
10am	2-5	2-3	1 - 2
11:15am	1-4	1-4	2 - 3
12:30pm	2-3		3 - 1

If there is a weather cancelation the first make up night will be Tuesday July 14th. Unless coaches choose another night on their own. They will just need to let the director know.

Games will last 1:10 minutes. Field 1 is small field. Field 2 is middle field, adult field 1 is closest to playground between t-ball and coach pitch field, Adult field 2 is farthest field back.

Family Fun Day - Concessions and other activities will be provided. Please note some activities and food will require money.

Please note this day is for fun and for the kids. All kids, parents, family friends are welcome to take part. If you have any questions in regards to this event please contact the Chamber.