

# INTER-CITY COLT LEAGUE RULES

## (Exceptions to Pony Baseball rules)

(Revised 5/20/2011)

1. A 15-minute grace period is allowed from the scheduled starting time before a forfeit is called. In the event of no official umpire, the game will be suspended and will be made up at a later date. (No substitute umpires unless; they are sanctioned by the league.) The home team will provide the bases, the umpires and two new game balls and the visitors one good used ball for the game.
2. Games may be started and finished with 8 players. 7 players is a forfeit.
3. All players may be freely substituted defensively, but must play a minimum of two innings on defense before the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. All players present at game time will bat. Any latecomers must be slotted at the end of the batting order in the order they show up. Any latecomer who arrives after his team has completed its first cycle through the batting order does not have to be inserted into the game (at the Manager's discretion). If the latecomer is the 9<sup>th</sup> player for a team, it is expected he will play.
4. Pitchers may not exceed 7 innings a day and 10 innings a week. One pitch constitutes an inning. Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, he cannot return to pitch in the same game. The 4 inning/40-hour rule applies. Your score book must show the complete name of the pitchers, the innings pitched and the Manager of the opposing team must sign and date it in ink for every game. The Penalty for not doing this is the pitchers listed will only be allowed to pitch one inning during the next game. **Coaches from opposing team may review your team's current week's worth of pitching at any time during the game.**
5. Mercy Rule: 12 run lead after five (5) innings, 4 ½ innings if the home team leads.
6. Time limit: There is no time limit in this league except local curfews in each city. The game will be suspended at curfew and finished from that point at a later date. See rule 13 and 14.
7. Protests: All protests must be submitted in writing to your league director within 48 hours. All Protests will be heard and acted on within 72 hours. Umpires must sign and date the score book and indicate the game is being played under protest and at what point in the game the protest was lodged.
8. A courtesy runner may be used for the current Pitcher and Catcher if either reaches base. The last previous out will be the runner (or last batter in order in 1<sup>st</sup> inning only).

9. Ejection Rule: These rules apply to all managers, coaches, players and spectators. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS! NO ALCOHOL, DRUGS OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE WILL BE TOLERATED ON OR NEAR A PLAYING OR PRACTICE AREA.**

- A. First ejection – The game you are being ejected from and the next game.
- B. Second ejection – The game you are being ejected from, the next game and a mandatory discipline hearing in front of the Board of Directors.
- C. Third ejection – Automatic expulsion from the league.
- D. Reporting – Ejections must be reported to the League Director by the opposing manager within 24 hours.

*Any player, coach, manager or spectator that touches an umpire for any reason during, before or after a game will receive an automatic season suspension.*

10. No tobacco products on or in the immediate areas around the playing fields or whenever on school property.

11. No jewelry of any kind will be worn during the game. Example: earrings, chains, watches, etc.

12. All players must be properly dressed in the uniform authorized by that teams association.

- A. Final Rosters must be submitted by June 11<sup>th</sup>. League Director must approve any changes. The Director must notify other League Directors.
- B. Rosters must include the player's Full Name, complete date of birth and Uniform number.

13. Rain out rule: Rained out games must be scheduled within 7 days or forfeits will be given to both teams. If weather or scheduling does not permit, the league should be notified so other arrangements can be made. If this is not done, then forfeits will be given. Please check [www.gcyaa.com](http://www.gcyaa.com) for rain out information.

14. The winning team must report the game score within 24 hours to (734) 679-1991 or email the score to [lctimm62@yahoo.com](mailto:lctimm62@yahoo.com). Failure to do so may result in a loss for both teams. When calling or emailing, please give name of League, team name, date of game and scores.

15. Bat Rules: same as MHSAA –3 and stamped BESR Approved. Follow high school rules. The Catchers mask must cover full face, head and ears per MHSAA.

16. If a team will only have 7 players at game time, that team may pick up house Registered PONY player or an Intercity Colt player within the league as long as they have not played a game that day in their prospective league. And that player will not be required to wear the COLT uniform. They are **NOT** allowed to pitch. Borrowed players may not be borrowed more than twice by the same team.

Contact your League Director immediately. Director/Manager must notify the opposing team as soon as possible.

17. The league reserves the right, with the power vested in the Board of Directors, to amend, modify, alter or change any rule or policy it deems to be in the best interest of the league and its participants.

19. Order of rules: (1) League rules  
(2) Pony rules  
(3) Major League rules

20. Lightning rule: Garden City – there is a 30-minute wait.  
Westland – there is a 30-minute wait.  
Wayne – the game will be called.  
Dearborn Heights – there is a 20-minute wait.  
Northville – the game will be called.  
Allen Park - there is a 20-minute wait.