Fair Lawn AAA Baseball Rules - 2017

1. Field Size:

    a. Pitching mound 46 feet. For 2nd graders learning to pitch, please move mound to 40 feet.

    b. Bases: 60 Feet

    c. NOTE: If one team is pitching a 2nd grader, please try to match them

2. Pitchers: For the safety of the player, no player may pitch more than three (3) innings in one day or six (6) innings on consecutive games.

3. Leading: Permitted only when the ball passes home plate

4. Stealing:

    a. Permitted & can occur when the ball passes home plate

    b. Teams are permitted three (3) steals per inning.

    c. No stealing home.

    d. No advancement on an overthrow of a stolen base.

    e. Runners must be batted or walked in from third.

    f. Advancement on a wild pitch/passed ball is considered a stolen base.

5. Bunting: Each team is allowed one (1) bunt per inning.

    a. Fake bunts – showing bunt, pulling back, and swinging – are NOT permitted
    b. NO suicide squeeze

6. Tagging Up: Permitted of 3rd to home only.

7. Runs per inning: Teams are allowed to score a maximum of five (5) runs per inning – except in the last inning. When a team scores the fifth run, the defensive team comes to bat and a new half inning begins.

8. Mercy Rule: There will be a ten (10) run mercy rule after 3 ½ innings if the home team is up, and four innings if the home team is down.

9. Umpires:

    a. Will call balls and strikes

    b. No dropped third strikes

    c. 2 strike foul tips which are caught are outs

    d. NOTE: This league uses HS student umpires – Coaches, Parents, and Players are expected to follow the code of conduct. Think of it this way: what if your teen ager was umpiring, how would you want him/her treated?

    e. Help the umpires if you are coaching one of the bases, and they are having problems with a call. Be honest.