

CHINO HILLS USA YOUTH BASEBALL 12 & Under – Rules of Play

1. All players must be 12 or under years of age as of May 1, 2007.
2. All players must wear a protective cup at practices and games. Catchers must wear a protective hard cup.
3. The CHUSA Board will determine the play-off format.
4. All scores are required to be emailed to chusabaseball@yahoo.com no later than 10pm Tuesdays. Provide : Date and time of game, Division; Team (home vs Visitor); Score; Winning Team

PITCHING

1. A pitcher will have been considered to pitch an inning as soon as one pitch is delivered to the batter.
2. A pitcher is allowed to pitch a maximum of six (6) innings on the same calendar day. Upon completion of four (4) or more innings the pitcher requires a 40-hour rest. The 40-hour rest is not required for a pitcher who pitches no more than three (3) innings on the same calendar day.
3. A pitcher may throw no more than ten (10) innings in a calendar week. A calendar week is from 12:01am Monday to 12 midnight the following Sunday.
4. Balks will be called and it is understood that there is one (1) warning per team during regular season play. During playoffs there is no warning.
5. The manager or coach may go onto the playing field one (1) time to talk to any player or players while the same pitcher is pitching. A pitching change must be made on the second trip in the same defensive inning. No more than three (3) players are allowed on the mound except in the case of any injury.
6. Once a pitcher is removed from the game he/she may not be allowed to return and pitch again in the same game.
7. The number of warm up pitches between innings shall be limited to six (6).

PLAYING RULES

1. Mercy Rule- If a team is ahead by, (see below) is declared the winner at this point in time and the game considered complete and official. Play will continue

without any change in the official outcome of that game. Innings, and all other rules still apply.

2. Ten (10) runs after five (5) complete innings or 4.5 innings if the home team is ahead.

3. The umpire will notify both teams prior to the last batter.

4. There is no limit to the number of runs that may score in an inning.

5. No new inning shall start after two (2) hours from the start of the game. When the time limit is reached, the current inning will be completed, and the game will be called.

6. Dropped third strike is in affect.

7. Runners are permitted to steal any base including home.

8. There is no DH (Designated Hitter).

9. When batting only nine (9), all players must play at least two (2) consecutive defensive innings and bat once every game or a manager who chooses to bat the entire line-up with all players playing at least two (2) defensive innings. A manager that does not comply with this rule will be suspended the next one (1) game.

10. Distance between the bases is 70 feet. The pitching rubber is 48 feet from the back tip of home plate.

11. All players warming up pitchers must wear a protective cup, catchers mask and protective gear.

12. Metal cleats are NOT permitted.