

Woodhaven I-League Playing Rules

1. Coach has all final decisions regarding his or her team.
2. Two coaches are allowed on the field for defense, but must be behind the infielders.
3. All players must play at least two innings in the field.
4. Game is 5 innings long, no extra innings in regular games. No walks will be called. Ten players on the field - four must be in the outfield. The outfield positions are: left field, left center, right center, right field. The outfielders must play on the grass behind the infield with the exception of large fields, in which case they must play 12 to 15 feet behind the infielders and/or the base paths.
5. **The batter will be allowed five swings or good pitches to put the ball in play before an out is recorded. An assistant coach from the defensive team will be stationed behind the catcher to call balls and strikes and assist the catcher to return the ball to the pitcher.**
6. All players bat or until 5 runs have been scored or 3 outs have been made in the inning.
7. Sliding is permitted and required to avoid contact with a defensive player.
8. **RUNNERS ARE NOT ALLOWED ADDITIONAL BASES ON OVERTHROWS.** A ball hit into the outfield - runners allowed to continue running until ball is thrown in the general vicinity of someone in the infield. The infield is considered the bases. Once ball is in the infield runners will return to the previous base.
9. No lead-offs. There will be one warning. The player will be called out.
10. Players reporting once the game has started will go to the end of the batting order.
11. First and third base coaches will make calls at their bases, defensive outfield coaches will make calls at second base. Coach will make calls at home and on strikes.
12. Bases will be 60' and pitchers mound will be 35'.
13. No new inning may start after one hours and fifteen minutes and game will end after one hour thirty minutes.
14. This is an instructional league. The purpose is to teach the kids the basic skills of the game and instill in the players the values of teamwork and good sportsmanship.