

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. **No player can sit two innings in a row. Teams bat their entire line up.**
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. **PITCHING CHANGES STARTING 2013. We will have a player pitching the first three batters for the first three innings. The coach has the option to use pitchers in fewer number of innings. A player may only pitch one inning. The format will be three strikes before the ball is put in play or four balls for a walk. Boys will pitch from forty feet, girls from 34 feet. The coach will pitch to players other than the ones described in the preceding sentences. When the coach is pitching players 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. Players bat until 5 runs have been scored or 3 outs have been made in the inning. This will result in a maximum of ten players batting in any given inning.
7. **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 may only continue **at risk** to the base they are headed to. If a runner continues to run, play will be stopped and the runner must go back to the last base. You may still make a play on the runner advancing to the base he is headed to, but he cannot go any further, even if the ball is thrown away.
8. No lead-offs. Players must remain on base until the ball is hit.
9. Players reporting once the game has started will go to the end of the batting order.

10. First and third base coaches will make calls at their bases, defensive outfield coaches will make calls at second base.
11. Bases will be 60' and pitchers mound will be 40' for boys or 34' for girls.
12. No new inning may start after one hours and fifteen minutes and game will end after one hour thirty minutes.
13. 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.