

2008 DISTRICT 2 KNOTHOLE

Class: D-1 Rules 2008

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- 25) **NO** player may wear metal spikes.
- 25) Each batter is entitled to be called out on strikes either by swinging or by the umpire on pitched balls, but shall not be entitled to a base on balls by a called fourth ball. Upon the fourth ball being called by the umpire a time out will occur and the coach will pitch to the batter with a strike count to be the same as before. Bunting is allowed.
- 25) **When the coach pitches, the pitcher must remain on the mound** and the catcher must remain in the catcher's box and must remain in full equipment (including face mask) until the ball is hit.
- 25) The "return throw" by the catcher to the pitcher is a dead ball until the pitcher establishes control of the ball at the mound.
- 25) Each base runner is limited to a maximum six (6) foot lead off. If, in the opinion of the umpire, the lead off becomes excessive, the runner will be called out after one warning per team, per game.
- 25) **No form of stealing will be permitted and NO PICKOFF attempts are permitted.**
- 25) The batter and or base runner(s) may not advance on a dropped third strike.
- 25) There is no infield fly rule.
- 25) Free substitution is allowed on defense at any time.
- 25) The offensive batting order is made up to include all team members present. Each player bats before the leadoff man is up the second time.
- 25) It is recommended that every player present (**in good standing with team**) play in at least **two** innings on defense. Player(s) not to play must be announced at ground rules.
- 25) The season will be a competitive league.
- 25) Games not played. All games not played by the end of the season will result in both teams receiving a loss. Final standings will be on number of wins. **The season will run from 4/19 thru 6/30 with the last possible date for make up games 7/03.**

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- 25) Only nine (9) batters may bat in any half inning. The ninth (9) batter must be announced. When the ninth (9) batter comes to the plate, there is automatically two (2) outs. The third out must be a strike out or a put out of any runner. Exception: If bases are empty when a ninth (9) batter comes to the plate, there must be a play made on the batter/runner before he reaches home if a

play is available. UMPIRE DECISION. The ninth (9) batter cannot walk. If a pitched ball hits the ninth (9) batter, the tenth (10) batter will bat until he strikes out or a base runner is put out. A coach will pitch to the tenth (10) batter.

25) No player may pitch more than 3 innings. Any player who pitches in any portion of a game (including practice games) shall not be permitted to pitch again without two complete night's rest between pitching assignments.

25) All batters are entitled to three (3) strikes which is the sum total of strikes from the pitcher.

25) Winning team manager

The winning team manager must report scores to the score supervisor WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER THE GAME. Failure to comply with this rule will be a forfeit of game. Email is preferred and the address is on the bottom of the schedule.

25) League Game(s)

League games can only be canceled or changed by the agreement by the Area Baseball Directors for the 2 teams. No manager or coach can cancel or change a game's starting time, date or field. The only reason a game can be rescheduled other than a rain out, is due to a school function.

19) Rain

(a) Game(s) stopped because of rain, lightning or unplayable fields. Home team must notify Knothole District Supervisor as soon as possible. Home team manager must notify visiting team manager of canceled game as soon as possible. Game(s) can only be canceled due to rain, lightning or unplayable field conditions.

(b) Game Start Time moved to a later time due to wet grounds. Games may **NOT** be arbitrarily moved to a later time the same day without mutual agreement by both managers. The managers need to poll the players and/or the parents to assure they can both field teams at the later time. Previous plans may preclude them from having enough players. **If either team CANNOT field a team,** then the game must be rescheduled like any other cancelled game. **The home team manager will reschedule all rain out games within seven (7) days after cancellation.** Should the manager fail to reschedule the game, the District Supervisor may reschedule the game resulting in the home team playing back-to-back games.

25) The suicide squeeze play will not be allowed. All runners are limited to six (6) foot leadoff and cannot advance until contact is made with the ball and the bat.

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25) Time Limit

Two (2) hour time limit in D-1 baseball. No new inning will start after two (2) hours, but must finish any inning started.

EXCEPTION: If home team is leading, home team does not bat.

22) HELMETS

Any live batter or base runner must wear the batting helmet at all times, unless time out been called. Failure to do this will result in the player being called out in the judgment of the

umpire.

25) Umpire(s) No Show

If umpire(s) do not show for the game. Managers can pick umpire(s) from coaches or spectators, if both managers agree. If no agreement between managers, game will be rescheduled on the first open field.

25) Grace Period

There will be a fifteen (15) minute grace period after starting time. PENALTY: No warm-ups permitted. Game begins ASAP after arrival.

25) Managers Responsibility

Each manager is responsible for the conduct of the team's fans and coaches before, during and after the game. The use of alcoholic beverages, profane language, or improper conduct will not be permitted on any baseball field while a Knothole game or practice is in progress. Violation will result in immediate ejection from the field and further disciplinary action by the League Supervisor. No game shall continue until the offender or offenders have left, or all person shall be cleared from the field and the game will continue with the spectators removed.

26a) Conduct

Any player(s), manager(s), coach(s) or spectator(s) that approaches an umpire in a threatening manner on the field or after a game will have the following disciplinary action taken against them.

First offense: Two (2) game suspension.

Second offense: A full calendar year suspension and loss of game.

26b) Player/Manger Ejection

Any player(s), manager(s), coach(s) ejected from a game will **not** be permitted to play or coach for one (1) game if the first offense. Two (2) games if second offense and loss of said game. (Suspension will be the next regular played game; this includes any make up games).

The suspension can be appealed to the League Supervisor. The District 2 Executive is the League Supervisor. Area Baseball Directors can serve on the League Board.