

2016 –14U & 16U year old DIVISIONS

RULES AND REGULATIONS HAMBURG BOYS BASEBALL LEAGUE

- 1.) All games will **START at 6:00 pm** with a 15 minute grace period until 6:15 pm. Every effort must be made to start the games on time.
- 2.) Each coach will supply (2) baseballs for each of his home games.
- 3.) Each **Home Team** will be **responsible** for paying the umpires **before the start of each game.** WNY Umpires will be used at a rate of \$55 per game.
- 4.) Team Roster **DEADLINE**: roster must be submitted to the *Jason Chwojdak at Lake View Baseball* On or Before **Monday, May 30th, 2016.** Roster is to include: Player's name and date of birth. A payment of \$100.00 for Non-Resident teams must accompany your roster.
*Age/Cut-Off requirement for is 4/30/2016.
- 5.) Maximum number of players will be fifteen (15) for each team roster. No players will be added to the roster after the first (1st) regular season game. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

ALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ACCORDING TO NFHS RULES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1.) **PLAYING TIME:** Every player on the team roster will participate in each game for a minimum of six (6) defensive outs. Free substitution is allowed defensively throughout the game. Every player who shows up before the start of the second inning of a game must receive playing time according to this rule.
- 2.) All teams are required to bat the order of their full roster of players available. Game Day Roster/Scorebook Line-up **MUST** include **Full Names** (First & Last names) of players.
- 3.) **PITCHERS:** The following pitch count restrictions will be used. The week runs Monday through Sunday:

14U Division:

- No more than 75 pitches per pitcher per game
- If pitch 66-75 pitches, require 4 calendar days rest
- If pitch 40-65 pitches, require 2 calendar days rest
- No more than 80 pitches per week

16U Division:

- No more than 95 pitches per pitcher per game
- If pitch 76-95 pitches, require 4 calendar days rest
- If pitch 50-75 pitches, require 2 calendar days rest
- No more than 100 pitches per week

- Violation of this rule will result in forfeit of the game.
 - NO Re-entry for pitchers.
- 4.) Each team must have a minimum of nine (9) players by the end of the first inning or they will forfeit the game. After playing the first inning with a complete lineup, if an injury reduces the number of available roster players to less than (9) a team may continue with (8) players but must keep the same batting order. An out will be recorded each time the vacant spot in the lineup is called to bat. No team may continue with less than (8) players.

Calling-Up Players from a Younger/Lower Division:

Please note the following:

- ALL call-ups must be on a lower division current year/season Team Roster from your own organization/association.
 - Must wear the team jersey of their lower division team, not the team jersey they were called-up to.
 - Call-ups cannot be used as Pitchers or Catchers.
- 5.) A base runner must avoid contact. Any attempt to bowl over a fielder will result in an out for the runner. You can headfirst slide at any base EXCEPT home plate.
- 5.) All games will be seven (7) innings. An official game will consist of a minimum of four (4) completed innings or three & one-half (3 ½) innings if the home team is leading. No new inning will start after 8:30 PM.

If a game is called by the Field Supervisor/Umpire because of weather (*after it is an Official Game*), and the home team is trailing and has not batted or completed their bottom half of an inning, the game will revert back to the completion of the last full inning of play. If the score is tied when a game is called, completed, or has been reverted back, the game will be considered a tie.

- 7.) Mercy Rule: There will be 15 run rule after five (5) complete innings.
- 8.) If an umpire fails to show up for the ball games, each team should designate someone to represent each side. Over the years, it is better to get the ball game in, rather than try to reschedule.
- 9.) Concerning Rain-Outs and Cancellations:
MOST IMPORTANT – GAMES WILL ONLY BE RESCHEDULED DUE TO WEATHER RELATED CANCELATIONS!

WNY Umpires requires a two (2) hour notice of any game cancellations, or else the umpire must still be paid. The home organization responsible for the facility where the game will be played must cancel a game due to unplayable conditions no later than 3:30PM on game days. If a home organization fails to provide notice of a cancellation, that home organization will still be responsible for paying the umpire for that game. Game cancellations must be called into Pat McAnaney with the Town of Hamburg at 583-8834.