

# Haltom Youth Baseball Association

## GENERAL PARK RULES - ALL AGE GROUPS

### Section 1 Game Balls

- A. Two playable balls will be allowed for each game.

### Section 2 Fields

- A. The home team of the first game is responsible for marking the field of play, setting out bases.
- B. The home team of the last game is responsible for picking up bases and raking pitching mound, if applicable.
- C. Each team is responsible for cleaning up their dugout, sidelines and stands after each game. Failure to do so could result in suspension of Head Coach for the next game. Final determination will be at the discretion of the Board.
- D. Home team responsible for providing scorekeeper.  
Visiting team is responsible for providing scoreboard operator.
- E. **Unsportsmanlike conduct and/or inappropriate behavior WILL NOT be tolerated. Person or persons, whether it is player, coaches or spectators, will be removed from the park immediately.**
- F. Coaching Helmets are recommended for all base Coaches.

### Section 3 Concession Stand

- A. No person under the age of 16(sixteen) years of age is allowed to be working the Concession stand.
  - 1. No one under 18 years of age can be cooking or working in the grill area.
- B. Each team is responsible for providing 2(two) workers for each of their scheduled work shifts. Teams are assigned concession for each Home game.  
Penalty: Head Coach will have 1(one) game suspension for next game. It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to check schedules for Saturday and Rainout concession schedules
  - 1. 4U teams will provide 1(one) worker for each of their scheduled work shifts.
- C. If head coach shows up at scheduled work time, he/she will count as both workers.

### Section 4 Coaches

- A. Each Head Coach is responsible for selecting a Team Business Manager for his/her team

and they will share responsibility for team's funds. Team must supply financial statement to Player parents and/or League if requested.

- B. Each Head Coach is responsible for his/her:
  - 1. Players
  - 2. Coaches/ Team Business Manager
  - 3. Parents/Fans
  - 4. Field conditions after game.
  - 5. Equipment issued to team
  - 6. Providing Sponsor
  - 7. Concession duty
  - 8. Scorekeeper or Scoreboard operator
- C. All protests must be filed in writing with the League Commissioner within 24(twenty-four) hours of the end of the game.
- D. A fee of \$20.00(twenty dollars) is payable at time of protest.
- E. No coach will be denied a team due to race, religion, nationality or gender.
- F. All Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Team Business Managers must be at least 18(eighteen) years of age.
  - 1. Assistant Coaches may be 17(seventeen) years of age with board approval. Each individual will be addressed by the board on a case by case basis. Said individual will not be responsible for any managerial duties for any team.
- G. No coach may be Head Coach of more than one team.

#### Section 5 Players

- A. No player will be denied access to a team due to race, religion, nationality or gender.
- B. Steel or metal cleats at NOT allowed in any League, except 14U.

#### Section 6 General Play

- A. All players are to be in complete League issued uniforms. (I.e.-no fitted caps)
  - 1. Exceptions must be approved by at least 2(two) Commissioners.
- B. A team may score 5(five) runs per inning before the side is retired as long as 3(three) outs have not been made. Continuation of the play is not allowed unless Home Run is hit over the fence.
  - 1. Run Rule- 6U, 8U , 10U - 10 after 4
  - 2. Run Rule- 12U and 14U - 10 after 5
- C. All Leagues: Round robin batting and open substitutions.
- D. Bats used during game play not to exceed 2 3/4" according to USSSA rules. Bats must

contain USSSA 2013 Stamp.

- E. A roster will be made available to the scorekeeper for record keeping purposes at least 10(ten) minutes before scheduled game time.
- F. All schedules (regular, rainouts, postponements or ties) will be done by an appointee of the Board of Directors. All schedules are final.
- G. **Coach must give Board of Directors 1(one) week notice in writing of school function that would prevent team from playing.**  
**(MUST BE A SCHOOL FUNCTION)**

## Section 7

### Ties - Rainout/Doubleheader

- A. Tie Games: In the event of a tied score at the end of regulation playtime, the result will be a tie game and scored as a tie. Standings calculator will accommodate the Tie score into the standings.
- B. In the event of a Rain Delay, the game will be rescheduled. The rescheduled game shall start exactly as it was stopped. (I e., same inning, score, pitchers, fielders, etc.). Pitching rules do not apply to the rescheduled game but are in effect for the original game time and date, (i.e., if a pitcher was ineligible for the start of the game on its original date, he/she is also ineligible for play on the rescheduled date).
- C. Season: In the event that two or more teams are tied at the end of the season, the first tiebreaker is head to head competition. The playoff game will be standard regulation game time for the age group. If at the end of regulation time in this playoff game there is still a tie; one inning will be added until a winner can be declared. Continuous Tie innings will result in addition innings to be added. Game will end upon winner being declared at the end of regulation time or end of each extra inning.”

## **All Leagues**

- A. Play may occur with 8(eight) players and take 9<sup>th</sup> (ninth) player out.
- B. Post season play is at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- C. It is recommended that all players wear a protective cup.

### Interlock Rules

- A. Each organization will set up their own fields for play.
- B. Play by rules of that organization that the game is played at.
  - 1. HYB plays 5 runs, no continuation unless Home Run over the fence.
- C. Only League games count towards standings.

- D. Steel Cleats allowed in 14U.

#### Tournament Play

- A. HYB will pay USSSA Registration Fees and USSSA Tournament Entry Fees.
  - 1. **Teams playing at Home fields must pay gate fee and work on Fields.**
- B. The Head Coach of the First place team has first option to the Tournament Team with the exception that he must be in good standing with League, final decision is at the discretion of the Board. In the event the 1<sup>st</sup> place head Coach declines to take the tournament team, the option will fall to the 2<sup>nd</sup> place head coach.
- C. Head Tournament Coach **must** turn in a proposed list of Tournament players for approval, **before** players are asked to be on team.
- D. Players that do not complete tournament play must reimburse the League the cost of the uniform immediately.
- E. If all financial obligations are fulfilled by date established by Board Directors said player will not be allowed to participate in Tournament Team.
- F. All tournament teams must wear league issued uniform in game play unless approved by Board of Directors.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- A. The Board shall present a full and clear financial statement of the business and condition of the Association including reasonable detailed balance sheet and income statement at the Annual Meeting.
- B. Any Director may resign by giving notice of his intention to the President.
- C. Registration fees and dates shall be set by the Board of Directors.
- G. By-laws can be amended at any time providing it passes a 2/3(two-thirds) majority vote.
- H. All teams must use league photographer to take pictures. No outside photographer may be used until after league pictures are taken.”
- I. Due to Texas State Ordinance it is unlawful to bring a handgun to a city park, unless carried by a commissioned law official. Alcohol is not allowed at any Haltom Youth Baseball event.