

***Burlingame Youth Baseball Association***  
***2009 Invitational Tournament***  
***8 & Under Tournament Rules***

**Playing Rules:**

- If a player was born on or after May 1, 1999, he would be eligible to play in the 8 & Under age group in 2009.
- All players at the start of the game will be placed in the batting order. A player that arrives late will be inserted at the end of the batting order. If a player is injured and cannot continue, their spot in the batting order will be skipped each time the player would have come to bat. This will be done without penalty. The injured player cannot return to the game.
- The coach pitcher must be at least 18 year old.
- The coach pitcher must pitch overhand to his own team and be stationed with one foot on the pitcher's rubber when he delivers the ball.
- The coach pitcher must not interfere with a fielder's access to a batted ball. Penalty: The batter is out and runners may not advance. Coach pitchers struck with the ball will be a dead ball foul.
- The coach pitcher is to pitch only. He may not talk to or coach any batter or runners while on the field Penalty: Batter and/or runners are out.
- The plate umpire will call a maximum of six pitches or three swinging strikes to each batter. The batter is out on a dropped third strike.
- Umpires will call time after each play. Time should be called as soon as play has ceased and runners are not obviously advancing. Players can call time by raising the ball in the infield and calling time to stop play.
- When time has been called, base runners are not permitted to leave the base until the ball crosses home plate. A base runner leaving the base too soon will be called out.
- Stealing is not allowed. A runner may advance only on a batted ball.
- There are no walks and a batter does not get to take first base if hit by a pitched ball.
- Ten players will be allowed on defense. Four players that will be designated as outfielders and none of the four outfield players will be allowed to assume infield positions while playing an outfield position.
- Free substitution for defensive players is allowed.
- The infield fly rules do not apply.

- No bunting is allowed.
- The extra hitter (EH) rule does not apply.
- The re-entry rule does not apply.
- No courtesy runner.

### **Length of Games:**

- Games shall be six (6) innings in duration. If the game is tied after regulation, extra innings will be played until a decision is reached.
- Time limit is 2 hours and 15 minutes for all games, **except semi-final and final games. No new inning will begin after time limit (except semi-final and final) unless game is tied.** A new inning begins when the 3<sup>rd</sup> out is recorded in the bottom half of an inning. The 1<sup>st</sup> pitch starts the game. *Managers should encourage their teams to get on and off the field quickly so that time is not an issue.*
- Game time starts when the first pitch is thrown. Umpire will notify the official scorekeeper to write the time down in the official scorebook.
- Run Rule - Six runs scored in any half inning shall be the same as three outs and the games will be called when there are not enough innings left in a game for a team to score enough runs to win the game. The exception being the sixth inning, with 10 runs possible in the last inning.

### **Teams:**

- Minimum of 12, maximum of 15 players per team, unless approved by the tournament director before the start of the tournament.
- Players found to be ineligible will be removed from tournament along with the manager of the team. All games played with an ineligible player will be forfeited.
- No additions to a team's roster after the start of the tournament, unless approved by the tournament director or his delegate.

### **Equipment:**

- Metal spikes are not allowed.
- Big barrel bats are allowed.
- Only players in uniform will be allowed to play. All-Star uniforms (different represented teams from same city) are okay. Duplicate numbers must be reported ahead of time.
- The batter, base runners, on-deck batters, or players coaching bases must wear protective headgear.
- Diamond DOL A Baseball or equivalent will be supplied by B.Y.B.A.

### **Managers & Coaches:**

- Maximum of 2 coaches plus 1 manager will be allowed for each team in the dugout.
- Only 1 designated coach is allowed to confer with an umpire(s).

### **Protests:**

- No games will be played under protest. The umpires on the field will decide all questions of rule interpretations, with final judgment made by the tournament director or his delegate.

### **Playing Fields:**

- 60 ft. Bases
- Pitching distance is 43 ft
- One eight-foot straight line will be drawn parallel from the front center of the pitchers rubber. The player pitcher must stay behind this line until the ball is hit.
- Ground rules for each game will be discussed before each game.

### **General Conduct:**

- Any player, coach, manager or spectator ejected from a game will be suspended from all other tournament play/activities, subject to the discretion of the tournament director or his delegate.
- No team or individual chants will be allowed. Teams will be warned only once. Second offense will lead to forfeiture. This tournament is for the kids to win or lose based on their athletic abilities and not through “mental games”. Appropriate sportsmanship by the players, coaches and all parents is expected.
- No consumption of any alcoholic beverage allowed within the parks.
- Smoking is not allowed around the playing fields. Please observe all posted ordinances.

### **Insurance:**

- Evidence of medical/liability insurance is to be presented to the tournament/field director by June 20, 2007.

### **Other:**

- Home team is determined by coin flip at least one (1) hour prior to game time with tournament official.
- Home Team gets third base dugout.
- No infield practice before the game is permitted.
- Have team ready to play 15 minutes after completion of previous game. If we can start early or make up time we will.

**Note: All other rules will be governed by the “Official Baseball Rules”.**