



## NORTH OLMSTED HOT STOVE LEAGUE

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### North Olmsted Hot Stove Baseball Organization 2008 Rookie League Rules

1. The field size is (55) feet squared between all the bases and (40) feet from the pitchers rubber to home plate.
2. The batting order is continuous (only 1 time through the order per inning). Each team will bat around the order. All team members must bat even if they are not playing in the field.
3. Each batter will have a maximum of (7) good pitches per at bat. The batters last pitch can't be a foul ball. If a player doesn't hit the ball within his/her pitch limit, they return to the bench and the next batter is sent to the plate. After two consecutive turns at the plate without a hit, the Manager may signal the umpire and allow extra 1-3 pitches. (No more than 3).
4. If the batter hits the ball into the pitching machine, the ball is ruled a dead ball and the runners and the batter may only advance (1) base.
5. There are (10) fielders in the field at any one time with (4) of them playing the outfield. A maximum of (12) players may play in the field with a short left fielder and a short right fielder added to the outfield.
6. Each team will have a catcher. The catcher is to wear the appropriate gear and may play the position or stand off to the side. All catchers must wear the entire protective gear and also must have a protective cup. They will put all the balls into the bucket after they clear the batter.
7. The pitcher must be positioned no more than 5' and no less than 2' to the left or right of the pitching machine. They must be alert as a wild pitch out of the machine may occur.
8. Free Substitutions are allowed. (No limits other than listed below)
9. Every player must play no less than (3) innings per game in the field. There are no exceptions. Each player can't play at the same position any more than 2 innings per game and must be rotated to another position. (Preferably infield to outfield and vice versa)
10. There is no infield fly rule!!!
11. There are no bunts, no lead offs, and no stealing!!!!
12. Once the ball is put into play and the ball is thrown back into the infield, the umpire will stop play and place the runners on the base they were closest to. Coaches need to help out in this situation and be sensible about running the bases with their players. **Please remember sportsmanship!!**

13. A runner can't advance on an overthrow even if it is not in play.
14. After the last batter hits the ball, they may run around the bases and touch home plate. (Managers are encouraged to change their lineups every inning to allow someone new to be the last batter.
15. The fielding team can have no more than (1) coach in the outfield to instruct players. He can't touch the ball or a player while the ball is in play. No coach is allowed in the infield.
16. There will be no taunting of players of any kind. If this is reported to the umpire, you will be ejected from the game and disciplinary action will be taken.
17. Games will be (2) hours or (4) innings whichever comes first. An inning can't be started (10) minutes before the time limit. The umpires' watch is the official time clock. No exceptions.
18. There is no score keeping or standings of any kind.
19. All managers, Assistant coaches, and parents who help out are reminded that they must adhere to the North Olmsted Hot Stove Code of Conduct that all Managers are responsible for and they must fill out a coaching packet to be turned into the League Chairman prior to volunteering.