# Jamesville DeWitt /Fayetteville Manlius Little League Local Rules: Coach Pitch Softball Division

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## **Practices:**

Please practice for at least one hour a week with your team. This is in addition to your games. Coaches are responsible for scheduling their own practices.

## **Game Times:**

All weeknight games will start at 6pm. Length of game determined by 6 innings or dark. No inning can start after 7:30 pm. All weekend games will be no more than an hour and a half.

If there is a rain out or the field is unplayable, the home team manager is responsible for calling the away team manager one hour before the start of the game. All rain outs will be rescheduled for the next Sunday at 3pm or 5pm. Please contact your League Coordinator to check on field availability.

### **Field Locations:**

All games where a JD team is the home team will be played at Jamesville-Dewitt Middle School, 6280 Randall Road, Jamesville, NY 13078.

All games where an FM team is the home team will be played at Immaculate Conception Field, 400 Salt Springs Street, Fayetteville, NY 13066.

## Equipment/Attire:

No metal cleats are allowed.

Baseball pants are required.

All helmets must have face guards.

Players will catch and will wear all of the catchers gear when behind the plate.

11" incrediball softballs will be used

#### Fields:

Home team is responsible for making sure that the field area and dugouts are set up before the game and clean when they leave.

#### **Batting/Offense:**

Batting team provides their own adult pitcher.

There will be a continuous batting order.

There will be no throwing bats.

There is no on deck batters, only the batter should be handling a bat.

5 Run Rule in effect for each inning. Unlimited runs allowed for both teams in the final inning.

## Score will not be kept.

For the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the season, the coach will pitch a maximum of 5 pitches to a batter. If the batter does not hit the ball, then the batter will get two swings off a batting tee. If ball is not put into play then batter is out.

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season, balls and strikes will be called, by the adult pitcher, with encouragement to swing. An inning will be determined by 5 runs, 3 outs or batting once through the line-up.

For the last week of the season, **Players will pitch to batters** until batter has been put out or has advanced to a base. If pitcher has delivered 4 balls then the Coach from the batting team will come in and throw a maximum of 4 pitches to the batter. The batter will either put the ball into play, or will be called out if no contact is made. If the last pitch is fouled off then another pitch will be delivered until the batter is put out or advances to a base. Balls and strikes will be called by the designated adult pitcher for the batting team. An inning will be determined by 5 runs, 3 outs or batting once through the line-up.

# Base running:

Batters may go as many bases as possible on a hit.

Runners do not advance on over throws or pass balls.

No leading or base stealing.

# Field Play:

Maximum of 10 players in the field and no player will sit out more than one inning.

When a coach is pitching, a fielder will play next to the coach.

Coaches will put players in as many positions as they feel the player can play with safety of all players to be the deciding factor.

Pitching distance for players shall be 25 feet from the back of home plate. (Last week of play)

# Coaches:

All adults helping on the field or bench area must have volunteer forms filled out with the league.

If possible, each team should have one adult to pitch, base coach/coaches, and someone to help in the dugout.

Positive sportsmanship is required at all times by coaches, players and parents.

## **General Information:**

When lightning is seen, please suspend play.

Any questions or concerns, please contact your league coordinator.