

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MANUAL OF OPERATIONS, CONSTITUTION & HOUSE LEAGUE OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Executive reserves the right to amend the Constitution, Manual of Operations and House League Operating Procedures for spelling and/or grammar from time to time as needed, without notice, for continuity. Index to be updated accordingly and any re-numbering of subsections etc. as needed to accommodate changes.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 6.10 UMPIRE IN CHIEF

NEW: .6 The Umpire in Chief will report to the VP of Operations. The Umpire in Chief position will be a non-voting position.

Submitted By: Executive
Rationale: Due to possible conflict of interest.

MANUAL OF OPERATIONS

Nothing submitted

HOUSE LEAGUE OPERATING PROCEDURES

AMENDMENT

SECTION 2.22 - SPECIAL T-BALL RULES (SR. T-BALL) 1 UMPIRE IN THE FIELD

Remove "1 UMPIRE IN THE FIELD".

Submitted By: Executive

Rationale: OBA

In the OBA model, the coaches' self-umpire the game. OBA says this transition from T-ball to 9U increases player retention by 18% as opposed to Sr T-ball.

AMENDMENT

SECTION 2.23 – COACH PITCHING

Remove 2.23.1 and replace with:

.1 In Sr. T-ball, the coach (or designate), wearing a helmet, enters the field and tosses a ball for the batter to hit. Coaches will pitch to their own players. The batter gets three (3) swings and if unsuccessful, a Batting Tee will be used, the batter will get **two (2) attempts to hit the ball**.

Submitted By: Executive

Rationale: OBA

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SECTION 2.25 - GAME DURATION

Remove 2.25.2 and replace with:

.2 Everybody on the roster hits every inning, outs are recorded and enforced by **coaches**, players are to come off the field if they are called out, but the hitting roster continues until completed.

Submitted By: Executive

Rational: OBA

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SECTION 4.3 - PLAYER ADVANCEMENT

Remove 4.3.1 and replace with:

.1 There will be no lead-offs. Players are only permitted to steal from 2nd base to 3rd base and may not leave 2nd base until the ball crosses home plate. The 2nd to 3rd base runner shall not advance to home on an overthrow. Runners at 1st base or 3rd base cannot leave the base until the ball strikes the bat.

Submitted By: Executive

Rational:

The OBA says that less than 1% of house league teams are able to throw out a stealer going to second due to the distance. They say this change speeds up the game by allowing for more force plays at second.

NEW:

SECTION 5.4 - STEALING RULES.

5.4 STEALING

.1 Base runners shall not be permitted to leave the base until the ball is hit or crosses the plate. If the base runner leaves the base early, the umpire shall immediately stop play. The base runner who committed the infraction shall be returned to the base and provided with a warning, one warning **per team**. A second infraction by the same **team** shall result in an automatic out.

Submitted By: Executive

Rational: OBA

Again, the thought is to increase game speed by eliminating lead offs and balks. Also allowing catchers and fielders more opportunity to throw out players.