



Medina Youth Baseball Association, Inc. Farm 7/8 League Rules-2006

1. The Farm 7/8 League of Medina Youth Baseball Association, Inc. (MYBA) is for Medina-area boys and girls whose birthdates are between August 1, 1997, and July 31, 1999.
2. Farm 7/8 League will play on fields at Ella Canavan Elementary School and Reagan Park. Ella Canavan fields are near the playground west of the parking lot. The Medina Girls Softball Association uses the two larger fields located to the south of the parking lot. The Farm 7/8 League uses Field 2 at Reagan Park. This field can be reached by parking in the lot directly off Rt. 3. Reagan 2 Field is located behind and below the right field area of Field 1, just next to the parking lot.
3. All games shall be immediately suspended at any sight of lightning. Coaches and players must exit the playing field. Lightning sightings suspend game restart by 30 minutes.(Game time will end per original start time restrictions).
4. The Head Coach of the home team is responsible for contacting the commissioner regarding any uncompleted games due to weather. The commissioner will contact the proper person for rescheduling all games.
5. Each Head Coach must ensure that all players have been picked up after the conclusion of each game. Parents must always ensure that arrangements to pick up their children have been made in case of personal scheduling conflicts.
6. Each jobox will be equipped with two helmet caddies with five helmets in each caddy, two sets of catcher's equipment, and at least two bats. A First Aid kit is also included in the jobox.
7. Farm 7/8 League uses RIF 5 safety balls. Each coach is provided with one dozen practice balls and one dozen game balls.
8. **Games will consist of five innings and last no longer than one hour and thirty minutes. No inning may begin within five minutes of the end of the ninety-minute time limit.** Both coaches should agree upon the starting time of the game. That time will determine the time frame of the game.
9. Each half-inning consists of three outs or after every player on the offensive team has batted once. No player may bat more than one time in an inning.
10. There will be no score keeping for any games played in the Farm 7/8 League.
11. Players should be in uniform but consideration has to be taken for lost hats. If a player has registered after the league deadline, he/she may not have received a jersey in time for the first few games. The player should wear a t-shirt in the color of the team uniform if he has one available.
12. Players will not wear earrings, finger rings, watches or any other form of jewelry while on the playing field or in dugouts, during practices or games. First offense: warning. Second offense: Player will be ejected from game.
13. No player will wear sunglasses unless they are prescription glasses.
14. Every player shall be entered in the batting order. There shall be no changes to the batting order once the game has begun, unless a change is required due to injury or illness occurring to a player. Late-arriving players may be added to the bottom of the line-up.
15. Farm 7/8 League will use ten (10) defensive players, with four players in the outfield.
16. Farm 7/8 League will use one player at the pitcher's position. Each team will use players as pitchers for the entire game.
17. Coaches can place themselves throughout the playing field to assist with helping players learn the basic skills of baseball. Coaches are not permitted to **touch** the ball while the ball is in play.
18. The pitcher will be permitted to pitch four balls. If the batter does not hit any of the pitched balls, the coach from the batter's team will pitch three more balls. Each batter will receive a maximum of seven pitched balls during each at-bat. **(Coach-pitch exclusively for games #1-4. Player-pitch after 2 complete coach-pitch innings in games #5-8. Player pitchers will then pitch all innings in games #9-12. In all player-pitch situations, the player will pitch a maximum of 4 pitches and the coach will pitch the remaining 3, if necessary).**
Each pitcher can pitch one inning or three consecutive outs.
19. **There are no walks or strikeouts.**

20. **Only one base is awarded to a base runner on an overthrow, regardless of where the ball has been thrown.**
21. If a batter hits a ball into the outfield, the batter and any other baserunners may continue to run until the ball is thrown into the infield. If a baserunner is between bases when the ball is thrown, he/she may attempt to advance to the next base. Base coaches will not encourage the baserunner to continue to run after the ball has been thrown into the infield.
22. There shall be **NO LEAD-OFFS, STEALING or BUNTING** in the Farm 8 League.
23. Players should avoid contact at all times when baserunning. Head-first sliding is not allowed and players are not required to slide.
24. Each Farm 7/8 team will have a BENCH COACH. The bench coach will assist with the batting order and field positions and help maintain bench discipline.
25. **MANDATORY-No Exceptions:** Any player playing in the catcher's position must wear a protective cup.
26. All players will play every position during the season. No player will play the same position twice in any one game.
27. No player will sit out more than one consecutive inning per game.
28. Batters and baserunners must wear a batting helmet at all times while on the playing field.
29. Players and coaches may not wear metal spikes.
30. Any player who purposely throws any piece of equipment should be given a verbal warning. If the player commits a second offense, he/she must sit out the next two innings. If the offense is at or near the end of a game, that suspension will be enforced at the beginning of the next scheduled game.
31. No player is permitted to berate or use any verbal sounds to disturb the opposing player. Example: Catcher saying "batter batterswing" or "he is an easy out" will be not permitted.
32. No player, coach, parent or any other person shall verbally abuse, berate, swear or intimidate any player, coach, parent or person. **THIS TYPE OF BEHAVIOR SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM THE FIELD.**
33. If a coach, player, parent, or person has been removed from a game, the board's approval may be required before that individual is permitted to attend or be involved with a future game or practice. Head coaches must report all occurrences to the Farm 7/8 League Commissioner.

Field Set up and Maintenance

- A. Home team will occupy the third base dugouts.
- B. Bases will be set at 50 feet. The pitcher's mound will be set at 40 feet away from home plate.
- C. Bases will be the throw down style.
- D. Each team will be given equal amount of practice time on the field before a game starts.
- E. Helmet caddies will be used during each game by each team. They are to be stored properly in the jobox after each game by rolling them up and snapping the caddy closed.
- F. Dugouts/bench areas will be cleaned of all debris after each game.
- G. Players and fans shall not climb the fences nor sit on joboxes.
- H. If there is a second game scheduled on the same field, the teams playing the earlier game should remove themselves from the dugout/bench area as quickly as possible. Post-game meetings should be held away from the playing area.
- I. Occasionally the field might need additional work before a scheduled game. Each Farm 8 team should have a group of parents willing to assist with field preparation.
- J. **City of Medina employees are not permitted to work on any Medina City School properties until school has been dismissed for the summer.**
- K. There might not be any field prep performed on the weekends.
- L. Coaches should make every attempt to be at the field no less than 30 minutes prior to their scheduled time. If there has been inclement weather, the coaches should check the fields at least one hour prior to game start. If additional field prep is warranted, a volunteer ground crew may still have time to get this accomplished before the scheduled start. Every reasonable effort should be attempted to complete each game on its assigned date and time.

- M. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT PERMITTED at any MYBA-endorsed games or practices.
- N. MYBA has a “NO SMOKING” policy near players, benches and grandstand areas during practices and games.
- O. **Any desired schedule changes shall be requested from the Farm 7/8 League Commissioner. He should be contacted as soon as possible to ensure that the particular game could be rescheduled.**

Additional Responsibilities of Head Coaches

- I. During games, all coaches should wear the shirts that have been provided by MYBA.
- II. **Only coaches and players are allowed in the dugout/bench area.**
- III. Each Head Coach will be given keys to the jobboxes located at their particular field of play. **No one is allowed to make any copies of any MYBA-provided keys.** Any loss of keys should be reported to the Farm 7/8 League Commissioner. Each coach will ensure the jobboxes have been locked before leaving the field.
- IV. Once the season has been completed, head coaches will return any equipment, including jobbox keys, to the Farm 7/8 League Commissioner within forty-eight hours of their team’s last game.

Head Coach’s Objectives

- i. Because Medina Youth Baseball is an instructional league, all Coaches have the duty to instruct all players about the basic fundamentals of baseball.
- ii. Medina Youth Baseball believes in all players having fun playing the game of baseball and insuring that each player has been given the opportunity to improve his/her playing abilities.
- iii. Each Head Coach should teach fair sportsmanship through example and discussion with the players.
- iv. Each Head Coach should instruct proper fielding, batting, and throwing techniques, as well as proper defensive positioning.
- v. Heckling or berating the opposing team’s players is not allowed.
- vi. Players should learn that it is more important to play to the best of their ability during each game, not recording wins or losses.

Please contact the Farm 7/8 League Commissioner for clarification of any league rule.

REC BALL GAMES CANNOT BE PROTESTED. PLEASE CONTACT THE DIRECTOR/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS OF REC. BALL, FARM 7/8 LEAGUE COMMISSIONER OR ANY MYBA BOARD MEMBER WITH ANY PROBLEMS OR CONCERNS.

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