

The 2017 season is upon us with the hope and optimism of a new baseball season. Please remember that our mission is to develop young people and baseball players through baseball. It is about the kids learning lessons and playing baseball. Stay focused on player development in all things please. Registration is now open at this time.

Your team MUST be insured. Your team's insurance certificate must be uploaded to your coach administration system under insurance on the website if you did not purchase through the league. If you did, the certificate should be already uploaded.

Every player on your roster must have returned their signed electronic contract. Each player's birth certificate must be uploaded to the website. Each of your coaches must have returned their signed electronic contract. Each and every coach must have their own concession certificate uploaded to the website....this is a State of Ohio Law. You should print your concession certificate as there is no direct connection to send it to MWOB. It must be printed and uploaded.

The medical release forms are for you to keep. You should have them with you at all times the team is together: practices, games, meetings....anytime. We once had a kid have to go to the hospital for falling down the stairs at a meeting....thankfully they had the medical release and he could be treated.

There are on-line tutorials to help with each section.

Your team is not legal until every box is green.

It is important to note especially that playing games without player contracts and coaches contracts means that those individuals are NOT covered by any insurance issued through the Midwest Ohio Baseball League and thus, any potential liability etc. could fall on the head coach. Please do not play games without having these items completed for your own benefit as well as the league. Obviously, games played without completion of these requirements will be considered forfeits.

Other items to remember:

1. Catchers must wear the hockey type mask and helmet combo.
2. Umpires are to be paid at the Pre-Game Plate meeting. Each team should split the umpire cost at each game to assure that umpire cost are split fairly. Umpires are to be paid: \$40 (8u); \$55 9-11u 6 innings single umpire); \$60 (12u 7 innings single umpire); \$55 per umpire minimum 2 per game for \$110 total (13-14u two umpires).
3. IF you are using the Umpire Scheduler, all of your umpires are Approved Umpires. All Ohio High School certified umpires are Approved and do not have to go through any approval process. However, if you are not using either Jim Heatherly or Bob Juliano to schedule your games, and are not using Ohio High School certified umpires, you must have your umpires approved prior to the 2015 season. Send an email to: bobjuliano@dayton.net with the contact information for your umpires (or an umpire scheduler) and Bob will check them and put them on the approved list. IF they are NOT on the approved list they ARE NOT APPROVED. Use of unapproved umpires may result in forfeits or other sanctions from the League.
4. League games are ALL games indicated through the letter/email outlining the geographical divisions where the League told you how many games to play. Those dictated games are ALL League games. ALL OTHER GAMES ARE NON-LEAGUE GAMES. Only League games are counted for League standings, end of season tournament and Dayton Dragons game attendance. IF you are playing both League and Non-League games, simply determine and agree in WRITING which game will be your league game. Absent any emails or other written confirmation of an agreement, the first game played (or the first two if two are required for League play) will be considered the League game. Please communicate clearly on this issue.
5. In the event of an ejection, BOTH teams are to report it via email.
6. The time to add players to your roster has been extended to June 15th to assist in completing the season.
7. There is an entire standalone outline of the pitch count rules but for clarification purposes a "Day of Rest" is defined this way: A day of rest is a full calendar day and not a 24 hour window. Therefore, if a player pitches a noon game on a Saturday and is subject to two days' rest, then his required days of rest are Sunday and Monday and he is eligible to pitch again on Tuesday. Many times we are asked if he can rest 48 hours and pitch again on Monday evening (effectively 52-56 hours of rest). This DOES NOT satisfy his rest.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: In a previous email we erroneously reported that pitch counts applied to both league and non-league games. Pitch counts apply only to League games. Pitch counts do not apply to

tournaments or Non-League games even if these non-league games involve two MWOB teams. However, we strongly encourage both parents and coaches to adhere to the pitch counts as much as possible.

We pulled some early wording from a past rule and did not edit it correctly. We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused anyone.

8. Please have your scorekeepers coordinate about pitch counts each inning and after the game so they are kept correctly and everyone stays in agreement throughout the game.

9. Review the frequently asked questions and rules to help you understand both the rules and the intent of the rules.

10. Remember that the entire purpose of the league is for kids to play baseball. Always keep the kids in the forefront of your thoughts and decisions and everything will go well.

Good luck this season.

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