**Zumbro Valley Youth Baseball League**

**11U Baseball Rules**

* This league is open to anyone completing the 5th grade or younger.
* Game nights will consist of two 5 inning games with a 75 minute time limit on each game. No inning should start after 75 minutes. Darkness supercedes any time limit rule and should be discussed by coaches and umpires if darkness applies.
* Home town will supply the umpires. Umpires must be at least 16 and have a knowledge of the game.
* Each team will supply 1 game ball per game. The game ball should be of sufficient quality(Wilson, Rawlings, Diamond…) No practice balls, please
* To cancel or reschedule games, please notify the opposing coach and the league commissioner.
* Rained out games need not be made up, but is strongly recommended. Failure to reschedule could impact your league seeding for the end of season tournament.
* No leading off
* Runners may steal 2nd or 3rd after the ball is released from the pitchers hand. The first violation for leaving early will be a team warning. The second warning will result in the runner being called out
* Runner may advance home only if a play is made at 3rd base, the batter hits the ball into play, or they are walked in.
* Dropped 3rd strike is an out
* A pitcher can pitch a maximum of 4 innings per night (1 pitch constitutes an inning)
* No balks will be called but the umpire will make the pitcher aware if it happens
* 10 defensive players in the field (4 outfielders), unless both coaches agree on 9 fielders.
* You must bat at least 12 uniformed players if you have over 12 players, but all players can bat if coach chooses. Free substitutions
* During the pitcher warm-ups (at any time) the catcher must wear a mask
* Bases should be 65 feet if possible(discretion of the home field coach)
* Pitching mound should be 46 feet (discretion of the home field coach)
* Mercy rule is in effect if team is ahead by 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings
* Courtesy runner is allowed for the current catcher at any time. The courtesy runner will be the last player in your lineup who made an out
* No metal spikes
* Runners must slide on all close plays
* Runner may not advance home on passed balls.
* Catchers interference will be called and the batter will take their base.
* Bats 9-11 year olds - Maximum diameter at the thickest part: 2 1/4", 2 1/2”, 2 5/8” or 2 ¾” with UNLIMITED weight differential and a USSSA or USA mark and meet Bat Performance Standards. Wood bats allowed