

# ***KIRTLAND BASEBALL LEAGUE RULES***

## ***Mighty Mite Division***

### **GENERAL RULES**

The season will consist of 10-games centered on having fun and beginning teaching fundamentals.

- All games scheduled will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 pm. and will consist of a maximum of 6-innings, or time limit of 1 hour. The first game should not start a new inning after 7:10 p.m.
- Rainouts will be rescheduled when a field is available. Both managers can decide the best date and time for the make-up game when a field is available. In the event during a game in progress either coach witnesses lightning, the game will be called immediately and rescheduled accordingly.

### **GAME RULES**

1. Each team will field all players during the game in the following positions:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> base – 2<sup>nd</sup> base – Short Stop – 3<sup>rd</sup> base – pitchers helper – outfielders
2. No player should sit on the bench.
3. The pitchers helper must remain within a 5-foot radius of the pitching rubber at the point when the ball reaches the batter. No defensive player may be closer to the batter than the pitcher at the point when the ball reaches the plate.
4. A teams inning, or time at bat, Is not complete until all players have batted the current line-up.
  - Note – Any player who shows up after the game has begun should be placed at the end of the batting line-up.
5. All batters and base runners are to wear helmets at all times.
6. Batting – Each Player will receive 5 swings to put the ball in play. A swing count will include foul balls. If the batter has not placed the ball into play after 5-swings the ball will be placed on a tee.
7. Please for the safety do not allow headfirst sliding.
8. Each team should use good fundamental practices when advancing runners to help promote the opportunities for fielders to make plays.
  - ***Once any ball that has reached the outfield gets back into the infield and “TIME IS CALLED” the runner may only advance to the next base if they have reached over half way to that base. Otherwise the runner should return to the prior base.***
9. Tennis shoes or rubber cleats are permitted.
10. There will no infield fly rule for the league.
11. The home team will provide one new ball for each game.

### **COACHING**

We want to promote basic baseball fundamentals, good sportsmanship, and a team concept to the kids.

***The most important rule is to “HAVE FUN” this year.***