



## **HEART OF AMERICA KEVIN MILLER MEMORIAL YOUTH LEAGUE RULES/REGULATIONS**

**Directors** are John Hartley, Tyler Hartley, and Trey McDaniel

**AABC baseball rules (American League rules) are followed with some exceptions for play in Heart of America Tournament Events.**

**Teams must supply 2 new baseballs per game. Teams should shag balls on their side of the field. The home team is determined by coin flip.**

**Pitching:** Pitch Smart rules are encouraged. Actual innings and pitch count are left up to the players' coaches. No metal cleats are allowed on any portable pitching mounds. Molded cleats or shoes suitable for playing on gym surfaces are required.

**Scorekeeper:** The home team is the official book for the game. The scorekeepers must be identified prior to the game for the umpire and visiting team. The score should be verified by each scorekeeper and umpire every half inning if requested.

**All Divisions:** There is a 6-run cap for each half inning per team. Games tied at the end of regulation or time limit will end in a tie. Run rules and Time limits are listed below.

**Foul and abusive language is not tolerated by fans, coaches, or players. It is the coach's responsibility to handle their fans. The site director and umpire have the right to remove any or all fans from the park and forfeit the team involved. Coaches ejected are also ejected from the following game unless allowed by the site director. WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE ONE UMPIRE PER FIELD WITH THE UMPIRE SHORTAGE – PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR PARENTS AND FANS TO BE RESPECTFUL TO THEM.**

**Time Limits - 9U through 13U - 1 hr. 20 min time limit or 5 innings. No NEW inning will begin after 1 hr. 15 minutes.**

**Run Rules – For Ages 9u through 13u - 10 after 3 or 8 after 4 innings.**

**League Tiebreaker Rules: 2 Way = Head-to-Head / 3 Way = 1) Run Differential – 2) Runs Allowed - 3) Runs Scored**

**Bats:** We will follow the USSSA Rule Change For 13U. Effective January 1, 2020, USSSA, a governing body for youth baseball, will adopt a rule requiring that all 13u players must swing a bat with no lighter than a drop-8 length-to-weight ratio

**The bats on the USSSA Withdrawn and/or Disallowed Bat Model List are not allowed to be used at HOAT Events for safety reasons. There are no other bat restrictions other than those listed in the 13U division.**

**<http://www.ussa.com/baseball/baseball-withdrawn-and-or-non-compliant-baseball-bat-models/>**

**Illegal bat penalty = Bat Thrown Out + Dead Ball Out and Runners Return to Bases.**

**Protest:** We don't have protests at HOAT events. In the event of a rule dispute, interpretation will be made by the umpire and/or the nightly site director. The nightly site director has final say. **NO GATE WILL BE CHARGED – There is a team Gate Fee of \$500. Absolutely NO ALCOHOL is allowed in the park! Smoking/Vaping are ONLY allowed in the parking lot.**