

Mt. Lebanon Baseball Association

Mission Statement

The mission of the Mt. Lebanon Baseball Association is to organize and administer a youth and young adult baseball program, on behalf of the residents of Mt. Lebanon, which provides healthful baseball activity and training, under qualified leadership, in an atmosphere of wholesome community participation.

The Association's main objectives are:

TEACHING the GAME of BASEBALL

while

KEEPING THE GAME ENJOYABLE

and

DEVELOPING SPORTSMANSHIP and TEAMWORK

while

SUPPORTING HONEST COMPETITION

and

PROMOTING SELF ESTEEM.

The Mt. Lebanon Baseball Association supports the playing of baseball in Mt. Lebanon by all residents from youth to adult. To this end, we hereby commit ourselves.

Mt. Lebanon-Baseball Association

Pinto League

Mission Statement

The overall mission of the MLBA is to oversee, and administrate, the operation of the baseball program on behalf of residents of the Mt. Lebanon community. The MLBA subscribes to the belief that its primary objective is to provide an outlet of healthful baseball activity and training, under qualified leadership, in an atmosphere of wholesome community participation.

As a component of the MLBA baseball program, the Pinto League, under the supervision of its director and assistant director, has been established in 1994 to provide an "instructional" baseball format for boys and girls of Mt. Lebanon who qualify for participation under the league rules. Cognizant that this may be each child's first exposure to organized baseball, and recognizing that as an Association we should constantly strive to increase the participation of our community children in healthy sport activity, the Pinto League hereby adopts, and will enforce the following Mission Statement:

The Pinto League has been established this first day of January 1995 to provide a baseball program for the youth of our community in an environment which will stress "instruction" foremost, but which will also be delivered in a noncompetitive manner where winning is always secondary to instruction. We will strive to inspire our youth, and instill in each child the important qualities of self-esteem, teamwork and good sportsmanship. To that end, we hereby commit ourselves.

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Appendix A

Playing Rules

1. Length of game.
 - a. A game will consist of six (6) innings.
 - b. Games will maximum 2 hr. limit on weekdays (1:45 in the 2003 season)
 - c. Games on Sat. and Sun. MUST stop play five minutes prior to the next game.
2. Each inning will consist of three outs or completion of batting order (maximum).
3. If home team has tallied more runs after the middle of the 6th, they have the option to bat in the bottom of the 6th, time permitting.
4. All batters will be pitched to by the Manager or appointed Coach.
 - a. Overhand or underhand is allowed.
 - b. All batters will bat a maximum of seven (12) pitches.
 - c. No strike outs or base on balls.
 - d. After seven (12) pitches if no fair ball has been hit place the batting tee on home plate. The player will then be given unlimited chances to hit the ball (not the tee) fair.
 - e. If a tee is not available at the field, give the player maximum seven additional pitches. After seven pitches and no ball has been hit fair place the player on first base. Note: this is an instructional league; let's teach the player how to run the bases.
5. All hits will be as many bases as the batter/runner can make. Lines will be used to determine the runners advance, and will be clearly marked in chalk by the manager/coach responsible for field dress.
 - a. Play stops when one play is made, or the runners stop at a base after a ball is "returned" to the infield by the outfielders.
 - b. "Return" to infield will be defined as either being caught by an infielder while in the infield, or striking the infield playing surface.
 - c. No bases are automatic. Runners must make the next base safely or return to the previous base safely. Infielders may make a play at any base that a runner is trying to make.
 - d. An overthrow will not allow the runners to continue even if the ball remains in fair territory.

- e. The umpire is responsible for notifying that play has stopped by calling time, and will also be responsible for determining the runner(s) advance while the ball was in play. Coaches are encouraged to honestly assist the umpire when requested by the umpire.
- 6. Home plate is in play and any fair ball will be in play regardless of the distance it travels. There will be no intentional bunting. Intentional bunting will be used as a pitch by the umpire at his/her discretion.
- 7. Base runners may not take leads. The umpire will send the runner back to his base. This will not be an out but will result in a warning: A second occurrence in the same inning will result in an out call at the direction of the umpire.
- 8. Deliberate abuse of any equipment (i.e. throwing of helmet) will cause immediate ejection of offending player from the game.
- 9. If the umpire feels a batter throws his bat, the umpire will give a team warning. After a team warning, the next batter throwing a bat will be declared out, the ball is dead and no runners may advance.
- 10. The batter must keep both feet in the batter's box when batting.. If the batter steps out of the batter's box while swinging, he will receive a warning from the umpire. The next violation will result in an out, the ball is dead, and no runners may advance. The umpire will give one warning per at bat.

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Appendix B

1996-Coaching Rules

1. A maximum of two (2) Coaches are permitted on the field to give instructions (abusive yelling by coach will not be tolerated). Approved positions for each coach will be behind the shortstop (in the outfield) and behind the second baseman (in the outfield). One coach will be permitted on the field to pitch to his team.
2. The batting order shall be made up of all eligible players who report no later than fifteen minutes after game time.

The batting order will be followed throughout the game.

All players bat whether playing in the field or sitting on the bench.

Players arriving late will be given the opportunity to play and will be placed at the end of the batting order.

3. No player will sit out two innings in a row or more than two per game.
4. Each team will use player substitution. Catchers must also rotate and no player will be permitted to play the same position more than two innings per game. No player will play more than 4 innings in the infield (P,C,1,2,3,SS). No player will play more than 3 innings in the outfield.
5. Unlimited substitution will be in effect although substitution only will be permitted between innings (except for injury or disciplinary action by umpire).
6. A game is forfeited when seven (7) players cannot be fielded by fifteen minutes after game time. In the event that seven (7) players are available to play I then the game will be played without a player to field the pitcher's position only.
7. Each team will field a maximum of 13 players.
 - a) Five (5) or more players in the outfield.
 - b) Five (5) play infield.
 - c) One plays catcher.
 - d) NO ROVER! Outfielders must stay in the grass and throw the ball to an infielder to make the play. (no running into the infield and making the out themselves)

8. All batters and runners must wear batting helmets with cages. Only batter and on deck batter will be standing.

9. Adults may coach first and third bases. All others will remain on the bench.

10. The field will be lined the same as the minor league field. The base pads shall be measured at 60 ft. in distance, and approx. 84 ft. from home plate to second base. Use (20) adult strides as a general rule.
11. Teams will use only uniforms furnished by the league. Team shirts and caps must be worn.
12. Metal spiked shoes are not permitted. The maximum bat length will be 30 inches.
13. Abuse of umpires, coaches, managers and especially players will not be permitted. Unsportsmanlike conduct by parents, managers, and coaches will not be tolerated. Unsportsmanlike conduct by players may result in player's suspension from the game.
14. All managers/coaches will refrain from using any type of tobacco products during practice or scheduled games.
15. Alcohol will not be permitted at either practices, or games, and public intoxication while instructing players will be subject to disciplinary action.
16. Parents of players will not be permitted on the playing field, nor in the coaching areas. Coaches will be held responsible for enforcement of this provision.
17. Abusive language or swearing by anyone associated with the team (i.e. managers, coaches, players and parents) will not be tolerated.
18. All rainouts will be made up if fields are available and within a reasonable time frame.
19. Home Team
 - a) Lines fields for play
 - b) Is responsible for all equipment returning to boxes
 - c) Must lock box when leaving field
 - d) Supplies one (1) new RIF ball for game
20. Visiting team
 - a) Supplies one (1) new RIF ball for game.

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Appendix C

Code of Conduct

Every Manager/Coach who is associated with the Pinto League will observe and promote the following:

1. the Mission Statement of the Pinto League as stated herein, and
2. the Playing Rules as outlined herein, and
3. the Coaching Rules as outlined herein

Additionally, although those Managers I Coaches who assist the MTLBA in the operation of the Pinto League baseball program do so on a voluntary basis, they also recognize that their conduct while instructing our youth are expected to exemplify only the highest of moral and ethical standards, and that anything less than that will fall under the purvey of the Pinto League Director and I or the Disciplinary sanctions (if applicable) of the MLBA.

Disciplinary Action

1.Violation of Rules 1 -3 Code of Conduct.

A. First violation -one game suspension with a warning B. Second violation -one year suspension (minimum)

Physical contact with anyone.

2.A. First violation -one year suspension

B. Second violation -dismissal from Association

3.Use of illegal player.

A. First violation -one game suspension with a warning B. Second violation -one year suspension (minimum)

4.Use of player not registered with Association without Association's permission.

A. Dismissal from Association.

5. Abusive language or action (as determined by MLBA board) by any parent, guardian or relative of a child will result in an automatic suspension(time determined by league) of that child and the adults involved. Dismissal from the association will be determined by board.

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1. No arguing with the umpire, fellow managers, coaches, or parents.

BE ON YOUR BEST BEHAVIOR ON THE FIELD.

2. No alcohol, tobacco, or drug use by any player, manager, coach, or umpire on or at the field of play.

3. No swearing or name calling.

4. Never use unfair play or intimidation to win.

5. PARENTS AND SPECTATORS ALSO ARE EXPECTED TO ABIDE BY THIS CODE.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Action will be taken after a hearing in which the incident is presented to the disciplinary board, which is composed of the executive board members (President, Vice-President, Secretary) and the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner of the respective league.

A. Violation of Rules 1,2, or 3 of the Code of Conduct *First violation: one game suspension
*Second violation: three game suspension *Third violation: one YEAR suspension

B. Physical contact with anyone

*First violation: one YEAR suspension

*Second violation: DISMISSAL FROM THE ASSOCIATION

C. Use of an illegal player

*First violation: one game suspension *Second violation: three game suspension *Third violation: one YEAR suspension

D. Use of a player not registered with the Association without the Association's permission:
DISMISSAL FROM THE ASSOCIATION

COMMENTS: Both managers cannot overrule an umpire's judgment call. Ground rules for each field cannot be changed from game to game. Ground rules for each field will be printed and available in the field box. Managers can dispute a rule interpretation, not a judgment call, provided dispute is presented in a calm, gentlemanly manner. Umpires have the right to eject anyone, including parents and spectators, from the field of play for unbecoming conduct. This is a baseball rule, not a Mt. Lebanon rule. Most serious disputes occur when one side feels it is being intimidated by the opposite side. KNOW YOUR RULES AND KEEP IN MIND THAT THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION IS TO TEACH KIDS TO PLAY THE GAME OF BASEBALL!