

Farragut Baseball, Inc.

Spring 2022 Season

Willie Mays 10U League Rules – Fields 2 & 3

Official baseball rules as modified by USSSA will be utilized with the following exceptions as set forth by Farragut Baseball Inc:

1. There are no new innings after 1 hour and 10 minutes of play. If the Home Team is winning after 1 hour and 10 minutes and after the Visiting Team has completed its turn at bat, the game is over and the Home Team will not bat. Games can end in a tie.
2. Runners **MUST SLIDE** on a play at the plate or the runner will be called out. Umpire's decision will be final.

Batting/Line-Up Rules:

3. There will be 9 defensive players on the field; however, the batting order shall consist of all players on the roster at the beginning of the game.
 - a. All batters on the roster shall bat before returning to the top of the batting order.
 - b. Substitute players must be registered in Farragut Baseball Inc. (FBI) for the current season and play in either Willie Mays 10U or Roberto Clemente 8U Divisions. You must have at least 8 players from your original team roster to avoid forfeiture of a game. WM pick-up players cannot be a base player from another team and along with RC players must play outfield positions only. Pick-up players must bat last. If a player is injured during a game, they may be removed from the lineup without an out being assessed at their time to bat. At no time can your team play without at least 8 players.
4. No player will sit more than one inning in a game, and all players on a roster shall sit at least one inning before a player sits a second time. A player missing a game counts as 2 innings sat per player on the roster so they do not sit their next game back.
5. If the catcher is on base and there are two outs, the catcher should be replaced on the base path with the player who made the last batted out and the catcher should begin to put on the catcher's gear. This will help speed up play.

Pitching Rules

6. Pitchers may only pitch to 11 batters in a game, no more than 4 consecutive innings per game, and have one day's rest between outings. Failure to comply results in a forfeit game.
 - a. Once a pitcher is taken off the mound, they cannot return to the mound in the same game.
 - b. A pitcher may be visited by the coach only once per inning. On the second visit in any inning to the same pitcher, the pitcher must be removed from the pitching position. He may stay in the game at another position.
 - c. A polite reminder about swamping pitcher and catcher in the same game with wear and tear on the arms of the younger players: catchers are throwing the equivalent number of throws.
 - d. A dropped third strike is a live ball. The batter is only out if first base is occupied with less than 2 outs.
 - e. Balks will be called at the discretion of the umpire.

Additional Rules

7. No more than 6 runs will be scored during each half inning.
8. A complete game is 3 1/2 innings if the Home Team is ahead or 4 innings if the Visiting Team is ahead.
9. Run rules apply: If a team is ahead by 15 runs after 3 innings or 8 runs after 4 innings the game will be called.

10. Only the head coach (or other designated coach) will ask for rulings from the umpire and must call timeout.
11. There will be unlimited substitutions. However, it is not permitted to rotate/switch defensive players for each batter within the same inning.

SAFETY RULES:

1. Protective cups are required for **all** male players.
2. All batters **must** have a helmet with a face mask. Jaw guards are not allowed.
3. The catcher is required to wear a full front and back mask (skull caps are not allowed).
4. No metal spikes are allowed.

NOTE: Failure to comply with any of the above stated rules can/will result in a forfeit game.

Scoring:

1. The league recommends using the GameChanger app or similar digital app to assist with game score, pitch count, and exchanging lineups.
2. Each team should assign a parent to keep score before the game starts. The Home Team is considered the official scorekeeper and is responsible for running the scoreboard – **adults only, no children.**
3. Runs scored should be confirmed by both team score keepers between each half inning.
4. Each team score keeper should keep track of both team's pitch count (player pitches). Following each game, head coaches are responsible for providing the player pitching records and final score to the League Commissioner for tracking.

Cancellations or rescheduled games:

1. All games will be played as originally scheduled except for inclement weather with every attempt made to play as scheduled.
2. Cancellations/rescheduling will be decided by the League President and/or the FBI Board.
3. If a game is called due to weather, 3 complete innings will be considered a full game. If less than 3 innings have been played, the game will be made up starting at that point.

Sportsmanship:

Coaches: Be sure to encourage players and parents to cheer for all players as this is very important for building the morale for these young kids. You would be surprised at how much each it means to these kids when they are all cheering for each other and hear their teammates supporting them. Also, at the end of the game line your players up with options to shake hands/fist bump/hat tip/head nod as appropriate with the other team.

Conduct Code:

Coaches and parents will conduct themselves so as to create a positive role model for all players, on and off the field. Umpires will have complete control of all games. Coaches may inquire or ask the umpire about rules, but baseball judgement calls will not be questioned. Questions from parents related to any rules should be directed to the head coach of their team. **Abusive behavior and language of any type will not be tolerated from coaches, players, parents, or spectators.** An ejection by an umpire will result in an **automatic one (1) game suspension** by FBI and that coach's actions will be reviewed by the Board to see if additional action is needed. The League President and/or Farragut Baseball Inc. Board Members have the authority to eject and/or suspend a coach or parent (including dismissal from field premises) if these rules are not followed and unacceptable behavior is shown on or off the field. **Two (2) ejections or continued disciplinary issues will result in additional action up to and including loss of coaching privileges, dismissal from coaching for the remainder of the current season (including post season), and any future seasons at FBI.**