POWDER SPRINGS YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION PLAYING RULES

Updated Spring 2023

General

• The home team will line the fields and put out bases. Bases are located in the field house.

• The home team is responsible for the official score book.

• The visiting team will be responsible for providing a volunteer to man the scoreboard

 controller.

• The last visiting team will replace all bases and associated field equipment including but not

limited to wheelbarrows, rakes, drags, line markers and scoreboard controller.

• Each team is responsible for cleaning up their dugout and stands after each game.

• Only one manager and three coaches will be allowed in the dugout during the game. (Parents

 and siblings are not allowed.)

• Every player must be in full uniform including team hat and team shirt tucked in.

• Their league director must first approve any team rules used by managers.

• Managers shall have the responsibility for the conduct of their players, coaches, parents and

 fans.

• Only players on team roster may play during game – NO EXCEPTIONS

• Any game called for bad weather after three (3) complete innings will be considered a

 complete game.

• In league play all ground rules must be given on paper to the visiting manager and coach.

 only those rules will be honored.

• Any player who arrives late must be added at the end of the batting order. They will not be

 considered an out if they are skipped until they arrive. If he is in the middle of the line-up

 and not present it will be an out. He does not have to play the field before he/she bats.

• Tennis shoes or baseball shoes with rubberized cleats may be worn. NO METAL OR

 PLASTIC CLEATS if player is 12 years or younger. No metal cleats on the pitchers mounds.

• Any player who leaves a game due to illness or injury will not be considered an out. Once

 skipped in order they may not re-enter game.

• Tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language will not be allowed during games or practice.

 Tobacco use is also discouraged around the dugouts during games and practice times.

• Teams using the game fields for practice prior to scheduled games cannot use the infield.

• Catchers will be required to wear a catcher’s mask and helmet whenever warming up a

 pitcher and are always required to wear a protective cup.

• Do not put chalk on the outfield lines. Paint must be used.

• Brick dust should only be used on the infield; sand can be used in the outfield and grass areas.

• Batting Team is responsible for retrieving foul balls

• Game balls are in the concession stand. The umpires will provide two (2) game balls

 with P/S logo at the start of game.

Order of Rules

PSYB park rules and bylaws

Dizzy Dean Baseball Rulebook

Official MLB Baseball Rules

**Mustang:**

**General**

* The Minor League division of Dizzy Dean Baseball has been organized as a baseball program for youth whose 9th and 10th birthday falls on or before April 30th for the current year.
* All players will participate (100%) in the batting order. No player can sit the bench more than 1 inning per game unless the game goes into extra innings then it is the coach’s discretion. This applies when playing at PSYB vs. another PSYB team only, when playing at other parks this rule goes to the coach’s discretion.
* The game will have a time limit of 1hour 30 minutes. Any inning starting before 1 hour and 30 minutes will be completed.
* Maximum of 6 innings per game. 5 runs per inning 10 Runs in the 6th inning •An inning is complete after 5 runs have been scored or 3 outs have been made.
* Mercy rule – Game will be called if the points are spread by 15 runs after the 4th inning, or 10 runs after the 5th inning.
* Games may be started with 7 players.

**Defense**

* Catchers must wear shin guards, chest protector, cup and a protective helmet while on defense.
* Manager is allowed 1 defensive time-out per inning, unless changing pitchers. If a 2nd time out is called the pitcher must come out.
* If 10 players are present, all teams must field 4 outfielders.

**Offense**

* Each team is allowed only one warning if a batter throws the bat, after which any batter who throws a bat will be declared out.
* Courtesy runners will be allowed for the catcher with 2 outs. This substitute runner must be the same player who made the last out.
* Manager is allowed 1 offensive time-out per inning. This does not include batter stepping out of the box to look for signs from the base coach. If the Manager/Coach approaches batter or batter goes to dugout after the allowed time-out has occurred, the

current batter is removed from the game and can only re-enter at completion of the inning if he can do so without violating the substitution rule. NOTE: The only exception to this rule is in case of injury, or if the time is called by the opposing team or the umpire.

* Three (3) strikes are an out even if the ball is dropped.
* \*For Fall 2023 Leading and off and stealing is allowed. Players cannot steal home. Ball four is a dead ball. Rules of play- the pitcher must be on the mound before the player can steal second or third base.
* All base running, leading off and stealing will be called according to the Dizzy Dean rule book. (no leading off)
* Sliding is allowed. Headfirst sliding is discouraged, No head first sliding into home plate.

**Pitching**

* Pitchers shall not pitch in more than 3 innings on the same calendar day. Pitchers shall not pitch more than 50 pitches on the same calendar day. If the 50th pitch occurs in the middle of a batter, pitcher can finish the batter.
* Pitchers shall be allowed to pitch in no more than 8 innings in any one calendar week. A calendar week is from 12:01 a.m. Monday to 12 midnight the following Sunday.
* Pitchers shall have a least 36 hours rest after pitching 3 innings or 50 pitches in a calendar day.
* The 36 hours rest rule is computed from the scheduled starting time of the game in which the pitching occurred, or, in games which begin more than two hours after the scheduled starting time, the actual starting time of the game shall be used to interpret this rule.
* As soon as a pitcher delivers one pitch to a batter the pitcher shall be considered as having pitched in one inning.

**Mustang Pitching (Cont.)**

* A pitcher is charged with the number of innings pitched in the specific calendar day and week in which they are pitched, regardless of whether they are local league games, the playoff of postponed games or suspended games, tie games, tie games or exhibition games.
* Any pitcher withdrawn from the mound and/or lineup, or a pitcher who is withdrawn from the mound and stays in the game at another position, shall not be permitted to pitch again in the same game.\
* If a relief pitcher comes in “cold” the umpire shall allow the pitcher to warm up properly with at least ten warm up pitches.
* Pitchers in violation of any of the pitching rules shall be considered ineligible players. The pitcher named in the batting order turned in prior to the start of the

Game, shall pitch to the first batter or any substitute batter until such batter is put out or reaches first base, unless the pitcher sustains injury or illness which, in the judgment of the umpire-in-chief, incapacitates him from pitching.