

## Holmen 10 and Under Tournament Rules

These rules represent most La Crosse Independent League rules but are not intended to be all-inclusive.

- Player's who turn 11 years old on or before April 30<sup>th</sup> are not eligible to play.
- Bases will be 60 feet apart.
- Pitchers rubber will be 46 feet from home plate.
- Games will have a 1hour 25 minute time limit. A new inning cannot begin with 10 minutes or less remaining in the time limit. If the game is tied when the inning ends at any time after the above mentioned 10 minute point, the teams will play one more inning. If after this additional inning is played the game remains tied it will end in a tie. The time limit is waved for Championship and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Games.
- Games will consist of 6 innings.
- The 10-Run-Rule will be in effect after 4 innings (3 ½ innings if the team behind has batted).
- Home team will be determined by coin flip prior to game time. Home team's scorebook is the official book. **After completion of any game the Home Team is responsible for getting game score information to the CONCESSIONS STAND.** If the home team fails to submit score information there may be discrepancies in the event of a tiebreaker. Try to maximize communications during the game to minimize disagreements concerning the score.
- If games need to be called due to weather or darkness the game will be considered a regulation game if 4 innings have been played. If 4 innings were not completed, weather and time permitting, play will resume from the exact point of interruption.
- Slide to avoid contact with the defensive players (close plays). Runners can be called out if they do not slide.
- No metal spikes.
- Jewelry is prohibited. If a player comes to the plate and takes 1 pitch with jewelry on they will be called out.
- Swearing, heckling, fighting, and throwing equipment are not allowed. Players and coaches are subject to ejection based on the judgment of the umpires and tournament coordinator.
- All players on a team must be in the batting order. Late arrivals must be added to the END of the order.
- C Division Only: New walk rule is in play; coach for the hitting team will pitch to their own batters in a walk situation after the 3<sup>rd</sup> walk in an inning. Does not have to be consecutive.
- **C Division Only:** Bat around the order no more that ONCE in an inning. Largest team lineup determines the number of batters per inning.
- A batter may not run on a dropped third strike.
- Free substitution is allowed.
- A Division and B Division games will be played with 3 outfielders only.
- **C Division Only:** Games may utilize 4 outfielders if the coaches agree. However, both teams must play with 4 or neither team plays with 4.
- **C Division Only:** Runners may only steal after there is one strike on the hitter. No delayed steal of any kind is allowed.
- **A and B Division Only:** Runners may steal on any pitch (don't have to wait for one strike on the hitter).
- **C Division only:** Can only steal one base at a time. No stealing after an overthrow to the pitcher.

- **All Divisions:** Runners cannot leave the base to steal or lead off until the ball crosses home plate.
- **A and B Division Only:** Runners on third base can steal home.
- **C Division Only:** Runners cannot steal home even on a 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> situation – they can only score from 3<sup>rd</sup> base if walked in, batted in or there is a play made on them.
- Pitchers may pitch a maximum of 3 innings in a game and a total of 6 innings in one day. One pitch in an inning constitutes an inning pitched. A continuing pitcher gets 5 warm-up pitches between innings.
- Courtesy runners (Player not in the game or last out) for the catcher are required with 2 outs.
- Maximum bat diameter is 2 ¼ inches.
- Each team is allowed 3 defensive conferences per game and one offensive conference per inning.
- The infield fly rule is suspended.
- No protests are allowed. Umpires decisions are final. Only a team coach may DISCUSS a decision with an umpire.
- **Tie breakers are determined by: 1. Head-to-Head results; 2. Least runs allowed; 3. Most runs scored; 4. Coin Flip.**
- Teams will have on-hand a team roster with dates of birth to reference if required.