**2017 MORGAN COUNTY COMMUNTY LEAGUE**

**7 & 8 COACH BASEBALL RULES**

1. 7 & 8 games will begin at 6:00pm with a 1 hr and 30 min. time limit. If an inning begins before time limit expires, that inning will be completed.
2. If the game is tied after 6 innings or time limit has expired, the game will be called and rescheduled if it makes a difference in league standings. (THIS IS FOR SCHOOL NIGHTS ONLY)
3. A player must be 7 years old **before** May 1, 2016 to be eligible to play on a 7 & 8-year-old baseball team. Exception: 6 year olds maybe moved up if needed to fill a team (11 players). A maximum of four 6 year old is all that will be allowed to move up. If a community has more than one team and moves 6 year olds up, they have to be split evenly among the teams. It has to be offered to all 6 year olds. Special situation that arise are subject to league approval.
4. A team must have 9 players present to start a game or it will be a forfeit. 10 players (if present) will be used on defense.(for outfielders) The outfielders will be positioned 20 feet behind the baseline.
5. Helmets with face masks are optional EXCEPT for Defensive pitchers MUST HAVE helmet with face mask. (1-8-14)
6. No player can sit for 2 consecutive innings during a game. If rule is not followed game will result in a forfeit.(protest must be made before end of game) (12-7-16)
7. All other coach pitch regulations will remain as the Alabama AA Rules state. (12-7-16)

**PITCHING Coach RULES**

1. The pitching coach does not have to be in contact of rubber while the pitch is being delivered. The player pitcher shall stay behind the line with in 3 foot of the pitching rubber (umpire judgment) on either side of the pitching, until the ball is put into play.
2. A batter will be allowed 4 pitches to hit or strike out. If he does not hit or strike out, the 4 pitches count as an out. A foul on the Fourth pitch – batter gets another pitch and will continue to bat until out is made or base is reached. (1-15)
3. There will be a 7-run per inning run limit with the exception of a over the fence home run.
4. The Pitching Coach cannot coach runners. But is allowed one offensive time out per inning provided the base coach had not already called a time out. The pitching coach must remain behind the line unless time has been called.

**7 & 8 LINE UP**

7 & 8 will bat a 12-man line up, or may use the option of batting all players present. Both line-ups will be free substitution.

**Addition:** DYB Rule All players on every team must play at least 3 consecutive outs on defense and complete one time at bat in each game played by his/her team.

**7 & 8 APPEAL**

The pitcher gets the ball from the pitching coach and stand at other side of the pitching coach then the coach tells the umpire what he wants to appeal.

**NOTE: ALL COACHES PLEASE REVIEW ALL NEW RULE CHANGES IN FRONT OF 2**