



Lorain County Hot Stove



2022 Class I Rules

Managers are responsible for passing out this set of rules to umpires and field managers. The rules in white rule book covering Class I and HH also cover farm unless covered in these rules.

Field Dimensions: Pitching: 40 ft. Bases: 60 ft.

Equipment:

- Home team will supply 1 new and 1 good used AD Starr 100 or Diamond DOL-1 ball
- Catchers must wear full protective gear including throat protector and cup.
- There are no bat drop restrictions in Class I (other than no composite two-piece or three-piece)

Roster rules:

- Class I is for players' age 7 or 8 born on or between May 1, 2013 and April 30, 2015
- **Players younger than 7 years old will play in Farm Minor**
- Communities may release players to adjoining communities. These players require a release to be completed and signed by the community's personnel directors and parents or legal guardian. There is no limit on the number of players on a team.

Playing rules:

1. On defense a team will field 9 or 10 players (i.e. 4 outfielders). Outfielders must be distinct from infielders (umpires discretion). If a team starts with 9 fielders, they may not go up to 10 defensive players at any point.
2. At most 2 coaches may be on the field for defensive instruction.
3. Each player must play at least 2 consecutive innings in the field or 12 consecutive outs. Defensive subs must be in by top of the 3rd inning.
4. A player may be benched for disciplinary reasons but must be stated at ground rules before start of game, **and an email to Class I Vice President, per Rule 3.03, 4.c-1-d**
5. Each team will have a continuous batting order, i.e. every player present will be in the lineup. Players arriving late will be placed at the end of the lineup.
6. Games will be 6 innings. The first 3 are coach pitch, and the remaining innings are player pitch
7. Maximum of 10 batters per inning. (except 6th inning or extra innings)
8. The infield fly rule will not be in effect
9. **An offensive at bat will be the number of fielders a team can field 8, 9, 10 batters, 5 runs, or three (3) outs which ever happens first.**
10. The 6th inning or extra innings a team can score unlimited runs.
11. A team must be winning by ten (10) runs or more. (4 ½ innings home team 5 innings visiting team.) Rule 4.10 of the white book (**NOT 2 HRS.**)
12. All play will come to an end when a logical conclusion of the play comes to an end. (i.e. infielder holding the baseball in the infield, the lead runner stopping his forward progress) This is a judgment call by the umpire. Rule 7.13 of the OHSBL Rule Book.
13. **In the event of an injury all play will immediately stop and runners advance one base from time of pitch.**
14. No Cell Phones on field or dugout.
15. **No new inning can start after 8:30 on weekdays during the school year. It will be either a complete game or a suspended game. Rules 4.10, 4.11, and 4.12 covers these situations. Only exception is an entire game under the lights.**
16. **In the event of an injury in a line-up of 10 or more no out will be enforced. If the number drops below 10 an out will be enforced in the spot of injured player. If a player misses an at bat due to injury he is done for the day.**



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Coach Pitch:

1. A coach of the team at bat will pitch each half inning. (relief pitching is allowed)
2. The defensive pitcher will stand alongside the coach that is pitching, **opposite the side of the batter.** (*It is strongly encouraged to keep player back even with pitching rubber.*)
3. Each batter will receive at most 6 pitches. If batter fails to hit the ball in fair territory after receiving 6 pitches he shall be declared out.
4. Maximum of 10 batters, 5 runs, or 3 outs per inning. Which ever happens first
5. Stealing and leading off bases are not permitted.
6. If a batted ball hits the coach pitching it is live unless he catches it out of reflex. In this case the ball is dead and the batter gets first base, and forced runners advance one base.
7. During any at bat pitches by a coach balls and strikes will not be called.
8. The coach that is pitching is not allowed to give any instructions to his runners.
If coach does, one warning and lead runner is out for coach's interference for subsequent infractions!
9. Coaches must make every attempt to avoid interference with ball once it is hit.
10. The coach is allowed to give instructions to the batter.
- 11. The coach must be in contact with the pitching rubber after June 1st.**

Player Pitch:

1. Pitchers are allowed to pitch 2 innings (6 outs) maximum per game. An out constitutes one third (1/3) of an inning.
2. Strike outs, bunting, walks, etc., are allowed during player portion of the game.
3. The ball is dead from the catcher to the pitcher.
4. Balks and third strike rule will not be in effect.
5. Maximum 10 batters, 5 runs, or 3 outs per inning. Which ever happens first (except 6th inning) PLAYING RULE #10
6. *Coaches must report pitching changes. (Visiting team during season, official scorekeeper during tournaments.)*
7. *Coaches must be in outfield. Coaches may talk to pitchers as often as needed if umpires grant permission to do so.*
8. *Any pitcher that pitches the maximum run/batter limit in an inning will be charged with three outs.*

Umpires:

1. Two 13-14 year olds may umpire games, or one adult may umpire games.
2. Coaches are allowed to explain rules situations etc. during games.(coaches must use discretion)
3. All games are scheduled to start at 6:30. Managers may agree to start at a different time if needed and agreed upon.

Score Reporting and Schedule Changes:

Teams are required to submit scores. The home team will be responsible for submitting final scores to www.loraincountyhotstove.com within 48 hours of the completion of the game. Managers must communicate and schedule changes to the league. Any date, time or venue changes will be made on the <http://loraincountyhotstove.com> website. A separate form will detail the process.

County Championship Rules, and Tiebreakers:

1. Teams that play all games by deadline set by LCHS board
2. Points: 3 – Win. 1 – Loss. **(Any game not played loses 2 points!)**
3. Head to Head
4. Runs given up.

Tournament:

Tournament draw: Saturday, June 25, 2022 at 12:00 PM, at OSIBAS (formerly Field Sweet Elementary School), 8540 Root Rd., North Ridgeville, OH 44039

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