**Summer Rules 2012**

Minors Rules apply (including no stats nor using a scorebook) plus player pitching using a 6 Balls / 3 Strikes (fouls included except for last strike) rule for batters. If a pitcher walks three batters in a row, no balls are called on the next batter until a strike is thrown. Walking four batters in an inning is probably a good indication that it’s time for a reliever. Relievers get maximum of 8 warm–up throws.   
  
No player may pitch more than two innings in a game. Given 16 players/team (many of whom want to pitch) and 48 possible innings in the season, please give as many kids as possible an opportunity to pitch. If they can’t throw over the plate, they'll need more practice at home and sideline instruction during games to improve.   
  
Maximum of 10 fielders, including 4 outfielders (this is what they play with in the Intermediate League).  
Game balls are in the equipment box.   
  
Reminders:  
1. showing the kids the correct way to pitch (as opposed to throw) is critical and so take as much time to teach this during games (on field and off) as necessary. Suggest dedicating a coach to this effort during games.   
2. encourage kids to swing at hittable pitches. Don't encourage walks.  
3. rotate position players (IF to OF).   
4. catchers need to wear a cup.  
5. pitcher for upcoming inning should warm up on sideline with a coach or catcher in a safe area away from players and fans. If player is catching warm-ups, player must wear catcher’s mask.