

Ocee Park/Hopewell InterLeague Rule Notes 11-12 Major National League, Spring 2008 Season

The rules used for interleague games between Ocee Park Major National and Hopewell (11-12U) baseball teams are very simple since for the most part the rules between our respective leagues are very consistent. This document notes a few exceptions and how those exceptions affect teams from the respective parks.

Run Limits – Hopewell implements run limits for 11-12U age group games. There is a limit of 5 runs per inning for innings 1-5 and a limit of 7 runs in the 6th inning only. When playing at Hopewell, run limits will be used. Run limits will not be in effect at Ocee Park.

Mercy Rule – Hopewell implements a Mercy Rule that ends a game in which a team is ahead by 13 or more runs after 4 innings or is ahead by 8 or more runs after 5 innings since technically the opposing team is unable to catch up based on run limits. The Mercy Rule will be used at Hopewell.

Game Length – Time permitting, games at Ocee Park and Hopewell will consist of 6 innings.

Steel Cleats – Not allowed at Ocee Park.

Large Barrel Bats – Not allowed at Ocee Park.

On-Deck Batters – Allowed at both parks.

Time Limits – Both parks do not permit an inning to begin after 1:45.

Pitch Counts – Hopewell will implement a maximum pitch count of 68 pitches for its pitchers irrespective of the park at which they play. Ocee Park pitchers will not be subject to pitch count restrictions unless it is determined that common sense is not prevailing.

Pitcher Limitations – Each park operates under its own affiliation's rules for maximum innings and maximum outings per week allowed for a pitcher. It is the responsibility of the team managers to track innings and outings and to implement the restrictions imparted by their own park's affiliation (Babe Ruth or Dizzy Dean).

Pitching Distance – Both parks implement 70' base paths and pitch from 50'.

Free Substitution – Both parks implement free substitution.

Batting Order – Ocee Park only bats players in the defensive lineup. Hopewell bats all players on the roster.

Starting Pitcher – May be removed and re-enter as pitcher one time during game.

Balks – Hopewell treats the 1st balk as a warning and a pitcher is not charged a balk until the 2nd occurrence (what if balk results in an out?).

Defensive Inning Play Requirement – Hopewell requires that substitutes play a minimum of 2 defensive innings. Ocee Park also implements mandatory play with a modified free substitution policy.