

# **COACHES RULES CLINIC AGENDA**

## **(Non-Lead Off Baseball – 2.5 hours)**

Welcome and Introductions – Umpire Instructor to provide credentials

- a. The philosophy of minor baseball (10 mins.)
- b. Rules of Baseball (1h 45mins)
- c. Local house and ground rules (15 mins.)
- d. Coach/Umpire relations (10 mins.)
- e. Questions and Answer period (10 mins.)

### **Philosophy of Minor Baseball**

-Have fun. This is not the World Series. There should never be an ‘argument’ about anything. Umpires are just learning as the young players are. Coaches are also just learning likely.

-The goal of all coaches should be to improve the skills of his players and allow umpire supervisors to improve the skills of the field umpires.

-Be a model of good sportsmanship. If players see an adult yelling at an umpire, they will assume that they can do the same.

-Keep the spirit of the game in mind. If a youngster hits a homerun, would you appeal that he missed first base? Probably not. Would you, as an adult, play a hidden ball trick on a 12 year old? No.

### **The Official Rules of Baseball**

-Clinic manual

### **Local House and Ground Rules**

-Review of house rules for each division

-Review of special ground rules at local parks

-Review special rules for divisional play (slide or avoid, chin straps, metal spikes, zero tolerance, bad language, etc)

### **Coach/Umpire Relations**

-Coaches need to be the umpire’s ally, not their adversary. Stay in the dugout.

-Ejections and reporting requirements for umpires, subsequent discipline policy

-Contact Umpire In Chief/Umpire Allocator if problems arise.

### **Questions and Answer Period**

-Open Discussion