

# HALL OF FAME TRAVEL BASEBALL LEAGUE FALL 2009

## SUPPLEMENTAL RULES FOR 8U & 9U DIVISION

### I. MODIFIED STEALING RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Bases remain at 65 feet.
2. There is a 15-foot mark placed off first, second and third base.
3. The runner can take a lead, but cannot cross the 15 foot mark until the ball crosses the plate.
4. The runner is allowed to steal when the ball crosses the plate.
5. If the runner gets a running start in an attempt to steal before the ball crosses the plate;
  - i. The runner is placed back on the base
  - ii. If the runner is put out on the play, the runner is out.
  - iii. If the ball is put in play, the runner is only allowed a base if forced up by the batter/runner.
  - iv. If it is a passed ball or wild pitch, the runner does not have to return.
6. If the pitcher attempts to pick-off, the runner can advance to the next base on the play.

*The purpose of modified stealing is to:*

- Help the young pitcher gain confidence in attempting to learn how to hold runners on base.
- Help the catcher gain confidence in being able to throw the runner out. The runner still has to go 65 feet to get to the next base.
- Help the base runner learn how to take a lead.

- Keeps the game from becoming a track meet while teaching young players the basics of stealing and pitching.