



**Lone Star
Amateur Baseball
Association**

**2011 MICKEY MANTLE AND CONNIE MACK
DIVISION RULES**

1. **High School Playing Rules** - High school playing rules (Natl. Federation of State High Schools Association) shall be the league playing rules (with 3 exceptions –see # 2 & # 3). These rules include the high school designated hitter, the high school re-entry rule, the high school slide rule, and the high school courtesy runner rule --- pitcher/catcher at any time.
2. **Major League Appeal Rule and Major League Trip** to the Mound Rule.
3. **Extra hitter** allowed. Such use shall be declared by the respective manager before the start of the game. Failure to declare shall prohibit such use of an extra hitter for that game.
4. **Mercy Rule** - The game shall be terminated after 5 innings (4 1/2 if the home team is ahead) if one team has a lead of 8 runs.
5. **Playing With Less Than 9 Players** - A game may be started with only 8 players. Each time the 9th position comes up in the batting order, an out shall be recorded against the team with 8 players. A team cannot play with seven. A team may finish a game with 8 players if a player is lost to injury or is ejected and the team has no available eligible players remaining. If another player shows up during the game, he is permitted to enter the “open” slot.
6. **No tie games.** 2 hr. time limit unless the game is tied; if tied, play continues until there is a winner.
7. **Warnings** - Players and coaches must receive one warning before being ejected from a game. An ejected player or coach could face suspension by the league.
8. Umpires may not begin any game earlier than the posted time unless agreed upon by both managers. The official game clock starts at the first pitch of the game.