## Sonoma Little League-AAA FIVE-RUN/LAST INNING

The following rule shall apply to Minor AAA division games only (Minor AA games will be played with the five-run rule in every inning, no exceptions):

- A five-run limit will be imposed in every inning but the last inning. The last inning will be the defined as follows:
- The first <u>new</u> inning that starts after 1 HOUR and 40 MINUTES and before 2 HOURS will be determined the last inning.
- This last inning will end when a team bats through the roster, obtains three outs or the home team takes the lead (no five-run rule).
  - If this inning only takes 10 minutes it is still considered the last inning regardless of the score or any remaining time left within the two-hour time limit. If a new inning begins before 1 HOUR and 40 MINUTES it will be played under the five-run rule. If that inning takes 40 minutes (which puts it past the two-hour time limit) the game is over and neither team will benefit from the "last inning" rule, regardless of the score.
- Games ending in ties will be considered regulation games and will not be continued.
- It is critical that the games start on time and the official scorekeeper documents the time of the first pitch.
- The umpire will be responsible for monitoring the game clock and inform both teams when the "last inning" rule is in effect.