

Grades 4-5 Summer Baseball

Minor League Rules

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1. Call home coaches for field location.
2. Coaches arrange make-up games.
3. Home team is responsible for umpires.
4. Games will have a 2 hour time limit. Maximize time by players running on and off the field and limiting practice pitches and mid inning pitching changes.
5. Call visiting coach by 5 pm for cancellations due to weather. If in doubt cancel the game.
6. Throwing of equipment and poor language will not be tolerated. Good sportsmanship is expected by players, coaches and spectators.
7. Coaches are responsible for the actions of their spectators. Talk to your parents prior to games so they know what is expected.
8. Start time is 6:30pm, home team has infield at 6:00 and visiting team at 6:15.
9. Play **Ten** players on defense with free substitution.
10. Everyone bats and everyone plays at least two innings in the field.
11. Five runs per inning limit, last inning unlimited.
12. Games are 6 inning games. 10 runs after 4 innings, start a new game and play 2 innings. Play 6 innings EVERY night. Games will have a 2 hour time limit. Try to play 6 innings within that time.
13. Courtesy runners can be used for pitchers and catchers, player running must be the last out of the inning. You are not required to use courtesy runners.

14. Must have 8 players to play game, unless injury occurs during the course of the game.
15. Pitching: 2 consecutive inning limit per night – this means that once a pitcher is taken out he cannot pitch again in that game
 - One pitch is considered an inning
 - Only Fastballs, Change ups, and Knuckleballs allowed
 - No curve balls, No Knuckleball Curve balls
 - UMPIRE HAS THE FINAL CALL – will be called a ball
 - 8 max warm up pitches for new pitchers**
 - 5 max warm up pitches for pitchers pitching consecutive innings**
16. Pitchers are warned with all balk calls, this is a learning situation.
Ump/Coach should explain to pitcher why balk is called.
17. Stealing: Runner may leave base at time when ball crosses plate - no leading off. **There is no stealing of home.**
18. On a dropped third strike the batter **cannot** advance to 1st , he is out.
Runners already on base can advance at their own risk.
19. No scoring on a passed ball or wild pitch, runner can only score on a hit, base loaded walk or HBP, or an error. A catcher throwing ball past a pitcher is an error and can be scored upon. *Runner CANNOT score from third on a throwdown from catcher to 2nd unless the ball is not fielded by the 2nd baseman or shortstop.* **There is no stealing of home.**
20. Pitching rubber set at 46 Ft and Bases at 60 Ft
21. Home team supplies 2 new balls/game
22. No metal cleats.