

5th & 6th GRADE BASEBALL RULES

- 1) Sportsmanship must be emphasized at all times. Unsportsmanlike conduct by players, coaches, or parents must be dealt with by the umpire with appropriate action for the situation. This can range from a warning to expulsion from the game for the individual or individuals involved.
- 2) Pitching distance should be 50'. Can play 70' bases instead of 60' if field allows.
- 3) Limit each pitcher to pitch up to 3 innings per game. Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, they can not reenter as a pitcher for the remainder of the game.
- 4) 10 players -- 4 outfielders (Left, Left Center, Right Center, Right) 6 Infielders (1st base, 2nd base, Short Stop, 3rd base, Catcher, Pitcher)
- 5) If you start the game with 9 or more players and at some point get down to 8 players you must take an out when that 9th player's spot comes up in the lineup. For league play if you start with 8 players there will be no penalty.
- 6) Game time limit is 5 innings or 1 hour and 15 minutes, unless diamond is available and both coaches agree to play longer (prior to the start of the game). If you are playing at 5:30 p.m. and there is another game following, please do not start another inning after 6:30 p.m. unless both coaches agree there is time before the 7:00 game to complete. Double headers are limited to 1 hour games.
- 7) Innings -- 5 runs or 3 outs, whichever comes first. All innings for league play will have a 5 run cap including the last inning. * Unless you are the last game & it's agreed upon by both coaches before the game starts.
- 8) No infield fly rule. However, you can tag up on fly balls.
- 9) Dropped 3rd strike rule does apply. Unless first base is occupied. It does apply if first base is occupied and there are 2 outs.
- 10) Stealing is allowed. Home is open; you can score on a pass ball or any other play just like in JH & HS baseball.
- 11) Leading off is optional.
- 12) Use continuous batting order.
- 13) Throwing of the bat is an automatic out.
- 14) Rubber cleats only!
- 15) Chin straps are optional. Effective 2019: Helmet face guards are mandatory when batting.
- 16) Sliding is the expectation into any base where there is the likelihood of collision. You can slide into first base but is not expected. If you do not want to slide--just stop to prevent the collision and you are automatically out (assuming the defensive player has control of the ball). The umpire has the final call regarding this issue.
- 17) Home field team provides game balls and umpires. The age of umpires is to be freshman and above and they need to see a copy of rules prior to start of game. Home plate umpire must wear face mask.
- 18) Extra innings- extra innings will be allowed if there is no game following and the score ends in a tie after regulation. We will use the International rules for extra innings.
International rule for extra innings- when a team is up to bat, they will start with one out and the last batter from the previous inning will start on second base.
- 19) If teams choose to modify these rules for a particular game, the coaches from each team must agree to the changes prior to the start of the game.
- 20) Keep the games moving, limit your pitcher to 5 warm up pitches or less between innings and have your catcher ready to go.
- 21) We will not play in inclement weather or if lightning is seen even at a distance. It is not worth risking any life.. Home team decides whether game is to be made up.