

## Mid Kansas Recreation League 3rd and 4th Grade Boys' Baseball Rules

- **General Rules**

- Age is determined by grade completed.
- Game Length
  - 5 innings or 60-minute time limit, whichever occurs first
  - No new inning will start after 55 minutes
  - There is a drop-dead time limit of 1 hour, 15 minutes. If a game lasts to this point, it is immediately ended regardless of where in the inning play is at that moment.
- Score
  - Score can be kept.
  - An inning will consist of 3 outs or 6 runs.
- Run Rules - the game ends if any of the following conditions are met...
  - 12 runs after 3 innings
  - 10 runs after 4 innings
  - 8 runs after 5 innings
  - Play can continue beyond a run rule if both coaches agree to continue the game.
- Teams must have a minimum of 7 players to play a game. If a team does not have 7 players, the game is declared a forfeit, but the game can proceed by the team without 7 players borrowing players from the opposing team.
- Field Dimensions
  - 60 foot basepaths
  - 43 foot pitching distance
- Free substitutions are allowed and do not need to be reported to umpires.
- A split level leather hardball is to be used.
- No mound will be used.
- Safety bases will be used when present.
- No chanting once the pitcher is ready to pitch.
- No "walk-up" music is allowed.

- **Batting**

- All players present will bat.
- No walks will be allowed if the pitcher pitches 4 balls. If this occurs, a coach of the batting team will pitch two pitches. If the batter does not hit either of these two pitches, he will be declared out.
- Foul balls are counted as strikes, but once a batter has accumulated two strikes, there are unlimited foul balls allowed until the batter hits a fair ball or strikes out.

- **Defense**

- Ten players will take the field on defense.
- A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 45 pitches per game or 90 pitches in a calendar week.

- Outfielders must start from a position in the grass.

- **Base Running**

- Stealing is not allowed.
- No bases can be advanced except on a fair hit ball.
- Runners must not leave a base until the ball is hit (no “lead-offs”). If the runner does leave early, time will be called and the play will be replayed.
- Dropped 3rd strikes are not played. A dropped third strike would result in the batter striking out.
- Infield Fly Rules are not applied.
- Squeeze plays or suicidee plays are not allowed.
- Runners are allowed one base on an overthrow.
- A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher. The courtesy runner will be the last batter to make an out. If there are no outs in the inning, the batter who made the last out of the previous inning will serve as the courtesy runner.
- Time will be called when an infielder has control of the ball and all play has been completed. The ball can then be thrown to the pitcher.