

## Mid Kansas Recreation League 5th and 6th Grade Boys' Baseball Rules

- **General Rules**

- Age is determined by grade completed.
- Game Length
  - 5 innings or 90 minute time limit, whichever occurs first.
  - No new inning will start after 1 hour, 20 minutes (80 minutes).
  - Games can end in a tie.
- Score
  - Score will 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...
  - 10 runs after 4 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
  - 70 foot basepaths
  - 46 foot pitching distance
- No metal cleats are allowed.
- A typical 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.
- Free substitutions are allowed and do not need to be reported to umpires with the exception of pitching changes.

- **Batting**

- All players present will bat.
- Bunting is allowed.
- All batted balls are live, regardless of the distance it is hit.

- **Defense**

- 9 players will take the field. All players must play at least two defensive innings each game.
- A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 60 pitches per game or 105 per week. It is a coach's responsibility to monitor player pitch counts.
- A pitcher may be removed from the pitching position and still come back to pitch in the same game.

- **Base Running**

- Stealing of 2nd and 3rd bases is allowed.
- A runner may not steal home but can advance to home on a passed ball or wild pitch.
- Baserunners may “lead off.”
- The “dropped 3rd strike” will be enforced.
- Infield Fly Rule is in effect.
- Squeeze plays or suicide 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 the pitcher has control of the ball and all play has been completed.