



"MORE THAN JUST SPORTS"

Baseball 6U National League Rules

Player Participation

1. All players present on a team will play in the field and will bat in order.
2. The batting order must be set at the beginning of the game. Exchanging orders with the opposing team is not necessary since runs are not being recorded.

Game Rules

3. Games will last 4 complete innings or a 1-hour time limit. No new inning will start after 50 minutes of play. No "official" score will be kept and each team will bat 4 times. (If a game is running long, coaches may agree to only play 3 innings).
4. Home team will always have the last bat unless exigent circumstances occur.

Field Positions

5. Defensively, teams will be allowed to place a maximum of 6 players in the infield (1 player at pitcher, plus 5 infielders). All remaining players will be placed in the outfield (or on the bench, to rotate mid-inning, per coach discretion). No player will be played at the catching position.
6. Players must be rotated at the pitcher position and the 1st base position each inning. A player is not permitted to play 1st base or pitcher more than one inning per game. Coaches are encouraged to rotate players between the infield and outfield positions equally.
7. The defensive team may have one coach per player in the field with them. These coaches must remain in the outfield and may not touch the ball at any time while it is live unless there is a potential safety concern.
8. The offensive team may have a coach at 1st and 3rd base, and a coach at catcher to help with the batting tee.
9. The player pitcher is required to wear a helmet with a protective face mask.

Batting

10. All batters will wear a protective helmet with a face protector attached.
11. Teams will bat a continuous lineup where all players in the lineup bat and then switch sides. The last batter will clear the bases and the teams will switch sides upon the last batter touching home plate.
12. When batting, players will have the option of hitting a pitched ball thrown from the coach, or they may choose to hit off the batting tee. Players will be given no more than 3 attempts at pitched balls. If they have not hit the ball by that time, the ball may be placed on the tee to be hit. Please use judgement on the batter fouling the last pitch due to time limit.
13. If a player throws the bat after hitting the ball, he/she will be given a warning from their Head Coach.



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14. The coach pitcher must make every attempt to not be hit by a batted ball; however, if struck by a batted ball, the ball will be declared "dead" and the batter will be awarded first base. Any other runner(s) on base may advance one base.

Base Running

15. Outs will generally not be played at the bases. The runner may continue to remain on base even if out. The Head Coaches may agree to enforce the out rule prior to the start of the game.
16. Base runners will not be allowed to run on overthrows at 1st or 3rd base.
17. On balls hit into the outfield, base runners will be allowed to run as far as, but no farther than, second base at his/her own risk. On balls hit within the infield, runners will advance to only the next base.
18. Home run hits and ground-rule doubles will be enforced and the batter may run the appropriate amount of bases.