



Baseball Rules – Ages 7 and 8



1. Games will consist of 6 innings. No new inning may begin after 1 hour 20 minutes or at any point in which mathematical elimination applies.
2. Three outs per inning or a five-run limit.
3. Coach will pitch to the batters. If pitch is illegal (per Dizzy Dean rules) it will be called a dead ball and counted against the batter as one of the five pitches.
 - a. There will be a twenty-foot arc in front of home plate. The ball must be on or past this line to be a fair ball (otherwise it is considered foul).
 - b. Pitching mound will be at 46 feet with a 10 foot, in diameter, circle.
 - c. A pitching line will be drawn from the 20-foot arc to the front of the 10-foot circle. The coach may pitch from any distance along this line.
 - d. One defensive coach will be added behind the catcher.
4. There is no infield fly rule.
5. Each batter will be allowed 5 pitches. 3 strikes will constitute an out. If the 5th pitch is fouled off, the batter will continue hitting.
6. Bat size: Any Dizzy Dean approved bat.
7. Catching equipment is mandatory for catchers.
8. Base distance will be 60ft.
9. Base coaches will not be allowed to touch the base runners while play is in progress.
10. Base runners must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit. Player will be called out if there is an infraction of the rule.
11. Coaches must remain in the coach's box at all times while the game is in progress.
12. Scorebooks will be provided to each team. The home team will be the official book. Visitors will keep the scoreboard – person keeping scoreboard must be over the age of 16.
13. Each player must play at least 2 full defensive innings by the end of the 4th inning. Free defensive substitution after the 4th inning.
14. Each team will bat a continuous line-up with the exception of a player who cannot or will not participate because of injury or other reason.
15. A maximum of 10 players are allowed to play on defense (4 must be positioned in the outfield). A team can play with 8 players; however, the 9th batter will be considered an out. Seven or less players constitute a forfeit.
16. Rule books will be provided.
17. Coaches are responsible for making sure that all rules are followed.



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18. The tie breaker rule will be used if a game is tied at the end of regulation play or time limit:
 - a. Visiting team will start the new inning with a base runner on 2nd base and will start with **2 outs**.
 - b. The base runner will be the last batter from the previous inning.
 - c. The home team will do the same in the bottom half of the inning.
 - d. This procedure will be followed in each inning until a winner is determined.
19. Championship is determined by the following
 - a. Overall season record.
 - b. Head to head competition.
 - c. Runs/Points Allowed – Determined by the sum of points during all regular season games.
 - d. Coin Flip – Both coaches must have the opportunity to be present.
20. Two unexcused absences from practice may result in the suspension of one game. Park will decide if the absence is excused or not.
21. If a youth sports player is not present before the start of his/her game, the coach will add him/her to the bottom of the lineup/roster and will only be required to play him/her one-half of the mandatory minimum for that sport.
22. All players, coaches, parents, and spectators should be familiar with the Park Rules, Playing Rules, Zero Tolerance Policy, and Parent Code of Ethics for all sports and activities in which they participate. Violations of any rules, policies, or code of ethics could result in ejection, fine, suspension, or any combination of the three.

*****RULE VIOLATIONS MAY RESULT IN FORFEIT OF GAME*****

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!!!