



Baseball Rules – Ages 9 and Up



1. Each team will be responsible for keeping a pitching chart on all pitchers for each game played. The umpire must sign your chart after each game.
2. Dizzy Dean Common Rule 6:00 Pitching Rules.
 - a. Pitching will be based on a pitch count and recorded in the Home Team Scorebook.
 - i. Proper Charts will be supplied by the Park.
 - b. The amount of pitches per age group/per game/per day is listed within the Dizzy Dean Rule Book (Table on page 40).
 - c. Please Note – A day is a full day following game day and NOT a 24-hour period.
 - d. **No exceptions!**
3. No metal cleats allowed. The exception will be 13/14; however, we discourage it and recommend other alternatives.
4. Ages 9 thru 12 division – no new inning can be started after 1 hour 20 minutes or at any point in which mathematical elimination applies.
5. Ages 13 & older division – no new inning can be started after 1 hour 30 minutes or at any point in which mathematical elimination applies.
6. Bat size: Any Dizzy Dean approved bat.
7. Ages 9 thru 12 will play 6 innings and 13 & older will play 7 innings.
8. Run limit: Ages 9 and up will have a 5-run limit per inning
9. Each player must have played 2 innings on defense by the end of the 4th inning. Free defensive substitution after the 4th inning.
10. Pitching distances:
 - a. 9/10 – 46ft.
 - b. 11/12 – 50ft.
 - c. 13/14 – 54ft.
11. Base distances:
 - a. 9/10 – 60ft.
 - b. 11/12 – 70ft.
 - c. 13/14 – 80ft.
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. Teams may play with 8 players; however, the 9th batter will be an out.
14. Each team will bat a continuous line-up of all players who show up for the game, with the exception of a player who cannot or will not participate because of injury or other reason.
15. Coaches are responsible for making sure that all rules are followed.



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16. Rule books will be provided.
17. 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 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.
18. Championship is determined by the following:
 - a. Overall season record.
 - b. Head to head competition.
 - c. Runs Allowed - Determined by the sum of points during all regular season games.
 - d. Coin Flip – Both coaches must have the opportunity to be present.
19. Two unexcused absences from practice may result in the suspension of one game. Park will decide if the absence is excused or not.
20. 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.
21. 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!!!