



Green Bay Youth Baseball Bambino Rules (7/8)

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Safety

1. This league's main goal is to develop young players and have fun. Safety and sportsmanship will be of the utmost priority. Please ensure all players are safe and that coaches display and teach good sportsmanship.
2. Infielders should be positioned as to avoid initial contact with moving runner.
3. Catchers must wear protective gear (1 set will be provided by the league).

Games

1. Games are one hour and 10 minutes in length.
2. Fields are set up with 60' base paths and a 46' pitching rubber. The back of the pitching machine must touch the front of the pitching rubber.
3. The pitching machines will be stored in the sheds at each park and are not to be removed.
4. Batting team provides a coach for pitching, and a coach at 1st and 2nd base to provide baserunning instruction and explain rules.
5. Defensive team provides two coaches on the edge of the grass and one at home plate to provide fielding instruction and explain rules.
6. Score will be kept.
7. All teams will roster bat.
8. Up to 11 players may be used on defense. Five in the outfield, four infielders, a pitcher, and a catcher.
9. Each team will bat until 5 runs are scored or 3 outs are made.
10. No more than FIVE pitches will be thrown. If the ball is not put into play on the fifth pitch the batter is considered out.
Exception: If the batter fouls the last pitch, an additional pitch may be thrown until the ball is put in play or the batter misses and strikes out.
11. If batted ball hits pitching machine or coach, it is considered a base hit and the ball is dead. All runners may advance one base.
12. Caught and passed balls by the catcher are placed in a provided bucket and returned to the pitching machine between innings.
13. There is NO infield fly rule.

Bats

1. Only USA stamped bats are allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS. Bats can be 2 ¼" or 2 5/8" in diameter.

Baserunning

1. There is NO stealing.
2. Sliding feet first is allowed. Proper sliding instruction should be covered in practices.
3. If the ball is hit into the outfield, players may continue running until the ball is thrown into the infield. Once the ball reaches the infield the runner must stop at the base they are heading to and not advance to the next base.
4. The last batter in the inning should run the bases as a hit and not be automatically waived around all bases.

Additional Items

1. Home Team gets the 3rd base dugout. Visiting Team gets the 1st base dugout.
2. Home Team is responsible for diamond prep before the first game and diamond cleanup after the last game (see separate responsibility sheet).
3. Visiting Team is responsible for concessions and scoreboard (see separate responsibility sheet).
4. A bucket of balls is included with each pitching machine
5. NO player should sit out 2 consecutive innings.
6. Players should be rotated to have opportunities to play different positions. For safety reasons, only put a player into positions they can handle defensively. Particular attention should be given to 1st base, pitcher, and shortstop position. All players should play equal time.
7. Utilize a batting lineup tool such as a dry erase board to help keep track of next batters. You can also utilize this tool to plan for defensive assignments each inning. This visual aid helps players understand their positions and keeps the game moving allowing for more playing time each night.
8. Please have players hustle on and off the field.
9. Please have your team clean the dugout after each game (i.e. water bottles, gum wrappers, etc.).
10. Our umpires are paid for their service however be respectful of their efforts. Coaches are responsible for player, parent, and fan behavior.
11. Player's unsportsmanlike conduct is subject to ejection from the game (and future games) upon the Director's discretion.
12. Coach / Parent unsportsmanlike conduct is subject to ejection from the park.