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**2025 Fall Youth Baseball
2nd Grade (Second Grade)
2nd Year Coach Pitch**

I PURPOSE

The 2nd Grade League was organized to enable all players to learn the fundamentals of baseball and the basics of all positions. It is at these grade levels that youth should learn team play and good sportsmanship. The coach is to set a good example and to refrain from arguing on what may be a close call.

No Protests are allowed in the 2nd Grade League.

There will be no standings kept to de-emphasize winning and promote teaching at this level.

II PLAYING FIELD DIMENSIONS

The pitching mound is 46' from home plate and baselines will vary between 60' and 65', depending on the diamond.

III PLAYING RULES

- A. It is not within the power of the coaches to suspend any of the league's rules.
- B. Players entering Second Grade this Fall school year must play in the 2nd Grade League.
- C. Rosters shall be a maximum of 15 youths.
- D. **All** players will play in the field at one time.
 - a. All infield positions should be manned. Infield positions will consist of (1st base, 2nd base, 3rd base, Shortstop, and Pitcher). Infielders must play near their normal positions on the infield.
 - b. "ALL" other players will be outfielders and must be on the grass. Outfielders must be near their normal playing positions and evenly spaced throughout the outfield. Outfielders will not play "short outfield". If an outfield arc is present, all outfielders must remain behind the arc until the ball is hit by the batter.
 - c. Each player "must" play a minimum of two (2) complete innings (6 outs) in the infield.
 - d. Coaches must rotate their players at least every two innings.

- E. (5) Five runs or (3) three outs and the half inning is over. The maximum number of runs a team can score in any half inning is five.
- F. No more than six (6) innings shall be played.
- G. *There will be a drop dead time limit of 1 hour and 15 minutes.*
- H. A ball hit to the outfield becomes dead when it is **controlled** on the infield *by any player*. A ball hit on the infield becomes dead after a play is made on any runner. *The exception to this is in the case of a double play - the fielding team is allowed to "finish the play" of the double play (i.e. if there is 1 out with a runner on 1B and ball is hit to SS, the SS or 2B can attempt to make a force out at 2B and continue to try for a an out at 1B without the play being called dead).*
- I. A runner not more than halfway to the next base when a ball is declared "dead" must return to the last touched base.
- J. Infield fly rule does not apply in the Second Grade League.
- K. Players must take a full swing. Bunting is not allowed.
- L. There is no leading off before the ball is hit. Runners may score on a batted ball in play or on a play on any base runner. The runner on the third may not score on a ball returned to the pitcher by the catcher. Running on overthrows will not be allowed.
- M. Players should be taught to slide FEET FIRST on all close plays.
- N. No fake tags will be allowed.
- O. Infield Practice:
 - a. First Game: Visiting team takes infield 25 minutes prior to game time for a period of 10 minutes. Home team takes infield 15 minutes prior to game time for a period of 10 minutes. Home team's infield ends 5 minutes prior to game time
 - b. Second Game: **No infield practice is allowed after the first game**
- P. Teams will bat their entire roster.

ADULT PITCHERS:

- A. All pitchers must be 18 years of age or older.
Coaches must pitch **overhand** from a distance of 43-46 feet (the mound is at 46

feet). Pitchers can stand or kneel

Each player will be given seven (7) pitches to put the ball in play. **If after 7 pitches the player has not put the ball in play, the player is called out via strikeout. If they do not swing at the 7th pitch they are out. Player will get additional pitches only if the player fouls off the prior pitch. A player is also considered out by strikeout if they swing and miss three times even prior to the full 7 pitches. For example, a player could be out after only three pitches if they swung and missed at each. There will be no called strikes.**

- B. Adults are to make every effort to avoid fielding or touching a batted or thrown ball. If a ball unintentionally hits the adult pitcher, it is to be considered a live ball and should be played by the defensive team. Adults intentionally interfering with play, will be reported to the league and not allowed on the field of play.

Teams should place a defensive player to the left or right of the adult pitcher if on the mound. Defensive pitchers must be within **three (3) feet of the mound** at the time the ball is pitched regardless of where the ball is pitched from.

EQUIPMENT

- A. All Bats MUST have the “USA Baseball Stamp” to be legal
- B. Tennis shoes or rubber spikes may be worn
- C. Pants are not required but are recommended.