



2nd Grade (8U) Game Rules

General Rules

1. Regular baseballs will be used for all games.
2. All players must play a minimum of 2 innings in the infield before any player plays a 3rd inning in the infield.
3. Game will be 1 Hour and 45 minutes in length or 6 Innings. No new innings will start after 1 hour and 40 minutes of play unless there is a tie. If the game is tied after 1 hour 45 minutes or 6 innings, it is up to the discretion of the 2 head coaches as to whether the game continues.
4. Three outs or 5 runs scored ends an inning.
5. The final inning will be unlimited runs, defense must record three outs.
6. Home team is responsible for bringing the bases on/off the field (if removable) and making sure they are secured before leaving

Pitching Rules

1. Pitching mounds will be at 35'
2. The first (4) games of the season will be strictly coach pitch.
3. Game (5) will be the first game of kid pitch.
4. For Game (5) and beyond, if the pitcher throws 7 pitches, or 4 balls, the at-bat will be finished with coach's pitch. Umpires (coaches) will call strikes. A player gets one free pitch to watch from the coach's pitch. If the second strike thrown by the coach is the third strike of the at bat, the batter is out.
5. A pitcher can pitch no more than one inning, or three outs, per game.
6. Once a player has pitched in a game, they cannot return as pitcher.
7. If a team runs out of pitchers the remainder of the game will be done by coach pitch. The health and safety of young arms is more important than finishing a game with kids on the mound.

Hitting and Base Running Rules

1. No walks, bunting, or stealing.
2. Consecutive batting – all players will bat.
3. Batters may strike out via kid pitch or the coach but cannot take a base on balls.
4. Players can advance on the overthrow to **first base only** and may advance only one base. If there are runners on base, they are allowed to be pushed by the runner advancing on the overthrow.
5. Players can advance on hits to the outfield until the ball is under the control of a defensive player in the infield.
6. Batters are not allowed to hold a bat until they are up to bat. No one should have a bat until walking up to the plate. There are no “on deck” practice swings.
7. Runners must stay in the baseline or they will be called out. Fielders cannot be in the baseline unless they have the ball. Runners should not have to run around fielders without the ball, the fielder is interfering, and the runner gets the base.

Fielding Rules

1. All outfielders must line up at least 10' into the outfield grass.
2. Outfielders and pitchers must throw to a base to make an out. Outfielders cannot field ground balls in the infield unless the ball is hit beyond all infielders.
3. Player fielding pitcher position must play within 3' of the coach (when coach pitch is in effect)
4. Catchers must be positioned in the proper location behind the plate. Catchers must be in a squat position, so non-protected areas are not exposed to the pitch.
5. No player may play catcher for more than (2) innings in any game.
6. Players are to play no more than 2 innings at any single position during the game.