



Baseball Kid Pitch Rules:

These rules are for both the “Minors” and “Majors” Divisions. If divisions must be combined due to low registrations, league rules may be slightly altered.

- 1) **Pitching Distance**
 - a. 50 feet
- 2) **Base Distance**
 - a. 70 feet
- 3) **Regulation Game** – 5 Innings (3 innings OR 2 ½ innings with the home team ahead constitute a complete game.)
- 4) **Time Limit** – **1 hour 30 minutes**. No inning will begin after the time limit regardless of the innings played.
 - a. If the time limit is reached in the middle of an inning, with the home team losing by 5 or fewer runs, the home team will be granted a chance to bat.
 - b. If the game is tied after time limit has been reached, or after the 5th inning, the game will go straight into one extra inning, with the teams last out starting on 2nd base. If the extra inning results in a tie, the game is over.
- 5) **Run Limits** – There will be a 5 run limit per half inning at bat. Only 5 runs will count per team at bat.
- 6) **Run Rule** – In the instance in which a team is leading by 15 runs after 3 innings, or 10 runs after 4 innings, the game will be declared a complete game.
- 7) If the home team is winning after the top of the 5th inning, the game is over.
- 8) **Pitchers shall only be allowed to pitch a maximum of 3 innings in a game.**
- 9) **Infield Fly** WILL NOT be in effect.
- 10) **Balks** will be called, but each pitcher must be issued 1 warning before base runners are awarded a base.
 - a. For every new pitcher that enters the game, there will be 1 warning for a balk before being called.
- 11) A batter is **OUT** and may **NOT** run on a dropped 3rd strike.
- 12) Bunting is allowed.
- 13) If a live ball exits the field, the play is considered dead, and all base runners may advance one base from their most recent touched base.
- 14) Batters who are hit by a pitch are awarded first base.

15) Stealing & Leading Off

- a. Leadoffs are allowed under the following conditions.
 - i. Players may lead off, but may not attempt to steal the base until the ball has left the pitchers hand, or on a pickoff attempt.
 - ii. **NO stealing home, UNLESS** there is a pickoff attempt thrown to 3rd base from the pitcher, or catcher.
 - iii. Clarification – Runners can only advance if the ball is thrown to 3rd base. They may not steal if there is a pickoff attempt at another base.
 - iv. There will be a 12-foot leadoff max on 3rd base. A line will be drawn to clarify this.

16) **Hidden Ball Trick** – Will NOT be allowed due to divisions being combined.

17) **Overthrow Rule – MINORS division only** – Will NOT be in affect due to divisions being combined.

General League Rules

- 1) Once schedules have been published, no changes can be made without the consent of the Augusta Recreation Commission.
- 2) A coaches meeting will be held at the plate with the umpire crew before the start of the game.
- 3) Walk-up music and music played between innings is **NOT** allowed.
- 4) Teams must have a minimum of 7 players to start a game. If a team does not have at least 7 players by 10 minutes after the scheduled start time, they will forfeit the game.
- 5) In the instance of a team playing short, the empty spot in the batting order will be considered an OUT, unless agreed upon prior to the game by both coaches, that an out will not be enforced.
 - a. In the playoff tournament: Teams must have a minimum of 7 players. However, the empty spots in the batting order will be considered an OUT, no matter what.
- 6) Batting order – Must rotate through the order consistently, all players must bat.
- 7) Bat throwing/flipping – Warning on first offense, then automatic OUT any offense following.
- 8) Outfielders must remain IN the grass.
- 9) No player may remain on the bench more than one defensive half inning at a time. (Exception: Injury or Illness.)
- 10) Players who are not on deck, must remain in the dugout as a safety measure. Any player on deck must always have a helmet on.

- 11) If a pitcher is substituted out of the game, they may NOT return to the game as a pitcher in a different inning.
- 12) Batters who are hit by a pitch, are awarded first base.
- 13) A pitcher who hits either 3 batters in one inning, or 5 batters in a game must be substituted from the pitching position for the remainder of the game.
- 14) Pitchers will be given 5 warmup pitches in between innings.
- 15) Defenders must be in possession of the ball to block a base.
 - a. If a defender has the ball and is blocking a base, the baserunner must either slide, try to avoid the defender, give themselves up, or try to return to the previous base. If the runner does not avoid contact and runs into the defender, the runner is out.
 - b. If the defender does not have the ball and blocks the runner from advancing to the base, obstruction will be called, and the runner will be awarded the base.
- 16) Pitchers may wear sunglasses, unless there is a glare that is affecting the batter. The batter may ask the umpire to remove the sunglasses.

Game Day Equipment

- 1) Game balls will be provided.
- 2) Teams may bring their own bucket of balls for warm-up.
- 3) Teams must be dressed in matching-colored shirts and hats. No two players may wear the same number.
- 4) Catchers MUST wear full catchers' gear.
- 5) NO METAL CLEATS

Sportsmanship

- 1) Players: Respect umpires, coaches, teammates, and opponents.
- 2) Coaches: Model respect, positivity, and fairness.
- 3) Parents: Cheer positively! Any spectator who is heard to be using foul language will be warned once, then asked to leave the facility.
- 4) Umpires: Decisions are final. Concerns must be emailed post-game.
- 5) Any taunting or language from players, coaches, or parents will NOT be tolerated. Any taunting/language that is seen or heard by the umpires will be given ONE warning before the individual may be ejected from the game. If the individual refuses to leave the game, continues to argue, or has another instance of language, it could result in forfeiture of the game, and suspension from the league and/or future programs.

- 6) No profanity or obscene gestures on the field or from the dugout will be tolerated.
- 7) **Any behavior that escalates toward or results in a physical confrontation will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to, fighting, attempting to fight, pushing, shoving, striking, threatening physical harm, or leaving the bench/sideline area to engage in a dispute.**
 - a. **Any player, coach, parent, or spectator involved in such conduct may be subject to immediate disciplinary action, including ejection from the game and removal from the league without prior warning. The Augusta Recreation Commission reserves the right to determine additional consequences as deemed appropriate.**
- 8) No slamming or throwing of any equipment. One warning given before ejections.
- 9) Post-Game Behavior: Handshakes or mutual respect displays are encouraged post-game. No taunting or celebration directed towards the opposing team.

Other Policies

- 1) Umpire Staff
 - a. Umpires have full authority and discretion to make decisions on factual matters related to the game, and these decisions are final. However, if you disagree with a call, please wait until the half inning or the end of the game to respectfully address your concerns with the umpire or staff.
 - b. If there is an injury on the field, the umpire may stop play at any time.
- 2) Ejections
 - a. In the event of a coach being ejected from a game. The coach will serve a minimum of a one game suspension depending on the severity of the ejection. Any following ejections will result in removal from coaching duties.
 - b. Anyone who is suspended, will not be allowed at the facility for the game of their suspension.
- 3) Bats
 - a. Only unmodified manufactured bats (no corked bat, no modified/enhanced-performance bats, etc.) may be used in a respective baseball game.
 - b. USA, USSSA, or BBCOR certified bats are allowed.

Weather Policies

- 1) Lightning: Fields cleared immediately, delayed 15 minutes from the previous strike. Games may also be rescheduled after the first strike if the site supervisor determines the delay will be a long period of time.
- 2) Rain: Games will be played unless field conditions are unsafe.
- 3) Cancellations: Announced via email or call at least 1 hour prior to game time.

Heat Guidelines

- 1) Heat index of 81-90 degrees. In this range, coaches will be encouraged to take extra steps to protect their players by making sure they keep them hydrated and by encouraging frequent substitutions during games and practices.
- 2) Heat index of 91-100 degrees. In this range, catchers will be allowed to catch only two innings in succession. If it is a practice day, coaches are instructed to keep players well hydrated and to take frequent breaks.
- 3) Heat index of 101-110, in this range, the length of games will be modified according to the schedule below.
 - a. Baseball and softball ages 7, 8, 9 & 10 – games will be reduced by 15 minutes.
 - b. Baseball and softball ages 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15 – games will be reduced by 20 minutes.
- 4) Heat Index above 110 degrees, games will be rescheduled.

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