

# 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade BOYS Rules 2021

1. Age limits: 6-8 year olds may play. Those turning 9 before Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> must play at the next level.

**Coach pitch: The batting team coach pitches to his own players. There will be a 14 foot circle around the 46 foot rubber and the pitching coach must pitch from inside the circle. Each batter will receive seven (7) pitches unless the batter strikes out swinging. No tees will be used. If after (7) pitches the batter has not hit the ball, the batter will be considered out. If the batter fouls off the 7<sup>th</sup> pitch, it will be considered a foul ball and the batter will get another pitch. If the batter continues to foul off pitches past the 7<sup>th</sup> pitch, the batter will continue to get more pitches until the ball is hit fair or the batter strikes out. (2016)**

Batting team coach pitches. Pitching must be overhead and released from within 2 steps of the pitching mound.

2. Baseballs: The home team will supply a new game ball per game and it will be a rif5 or core AA soft baseball.
3. Shoes: NO METAL SPIKES ALLOWED the kids must wear tennis or sneaker style shoes, and socks, no sandals may be worn.
4. Hitters: All players on the roster will bat in every game.
5. Swinging: Batters must take a full swing at the ball. (A full swing is where a batter takes a full 270 degree swing at the ball. BUNTING is NOT ALLOWED
6. Thrown Bats: A thrown bat is one that is wildly propelled more than 6 feet. It is the home plate umpire's responsibility and his discretion to call thrown bats. Each team will get ONE warning of a thrown bat, any subsequent thrown bat will result in an *immediate out* of that batter and play will be suspended with no runners advancing on that play.
7. Batting helmets: any offensive player while on the field of play MUST wear Batting helmets. The league encourages full-face cages.
8. Leading off: Leading off is not allowed. Players must stay on the base until the ball is struck.
9. Pitching: The player assigned as pitcher must stay inside the mound arc 5 feet (pitching rubber) until the baseball crosses home plate.
10. Suspended Play: There shall be a line with a 7-foot radius from the pitching rubber drawn around the rubber to form a 14-foot circle. The defensive team should return a batted ball to the defensive player playing the pitcher position. That player will give the ball to the pitching coach. No runner may advance when the pitcher or coach has control of the ball inside the 14 foot circle. Any runner not halfway to the next base shall have to go back to the last base they touched and shall return freely without risk.
11. Overthrows: Runners may advance as many bases as they can at their own risk on an overthrow. If an overthrow leaves the playing field runners will get one base.
12. Number of players: Teams may have up to 10 players on the field. With 10 players there must be 4 players in the outfield. All extra players that each coach agrees to play must do so in the outfield.
13. Catchers: All players playing behind the batters must wear a minimum of a catcher's mask and chest protector, even if standing back and to the side.
14. Scoring Limits: 6 runs maximum per inning including the last inning or until all bat the inning.  
**There will be 3 outs per inning or until bat the line-up. This way it allows for more innings and game like. (2016)**  
**The losing team will bat the line-up based on if the batting team has minimal at bats. (2017)**
15. Length of game: Games start at 6:15 pm and no new inning may start after 8:15 pm. The home plate umpire is the official timekeeper.
16. Ejection from the game: This Tri-county baseball program will enforce rules of fair play and sportsmanship. Failure to follow these rules by *anyone* in attendance could cause a forfeit of the game. Any parent being ejected from the game shall cause his or her child to be thrown out of the remainder of that game as well. That parent must leave the area immediately. Any coach ejected will have to leave the area as well and shall be suspended for the next game as well. Players being ejected during a game will have to leave immediately as well and have to serve a one game suspension at the next game. Failing to appear for the next game will not fulfill that player's suspension.