



## 5-6 Baseball rules

- 1) All games Monday through Friday will start at 6:30pm unless otherwise noted
  - a. Saturday game times are TBD based on field availability
- 2) No new inning should start after 8:00 PM.
- 3) Games are 3 innings or 1 hour and 30 minutes long... whichever comes first.
  - a. If the game is moving quickly and both coaches agree, then a 4<sup>th</sup> inning can be played.
- 4) Hitting
  - a. Roster Bat = All kids will bat each inning
  - b. Coaches pitch 7 baseball (regular or underhand).
  - c. There are no walks and no strikeouts.
  - d. If, after 7 pitches, a player has not hit the ball, place the ball on the batting tee and have the player put the ball in play.
- 5) Defense
  - a. All players will play the field at one time. No kids sit the bench while on defense.
  - b. Keep the regular infield positions if possible and spread the kids out in the outfield.
  - c. Rotate kids in different positions each inning
- 6) No runs will be counted
- 7) Put outs will not be honored.
  - a. The player does not need to leave the playing field if they are considered out. However, a put out should be recognized for any and all players that were part of the play. Doing this will encourage the players and help them to learn the rules of baseball as they move on to the older age groups.
- 8) No lead offs or stealing bases
- 9) Do not take an extra base on an overthrow. Please hold all runners.
  - a. The spirit of the rule is to encourage players to make the throw to the appropriate base without fear of runners moving up or crossing the plate on any errant throws.
- 10) All batters and runners must wear protective helmets
- 11) Catchers must wear protective equipment and should be encouraged to wear a protective cup. However, lack of protective cup will not prevent anyone from playing the catcher position at this age group
- 12) All bats and equipment are to be kept in the designated bench area and off the field of play.
- 13) All spectators should be seated in foul territories and focus on positive encouragement.
- 14) Throwing of equipment or profanity will not be tolerated.
  - a. A warning will be given on the first offense.
  - b. The second offense will result in a player sitting out one complete inning
- 15) Profanity from coaches or parents will not be permitted or tolerated.
  - a. If an incident takes place, please report to the AWABSA board and further disciplinary action will take place.
- 16) Please clean up the field and bench areas at the conclusion of each game.
  - a. Trash receptacles should be available at or near the field

Pitcher's Mound = 25'

Bases = 40'

3 Innings

Time Limit = 1 hour 30 minutes