



7-8 Baseball rules

- 1) All games Monday through Friday will start at 6:30pm at Baer Park 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 4 innings or 1 hour and 30 minutes long... whichever comes first.
- 4) Hitting / Pitching
 - a. Roster Bat = All kids will bat each inning
 - b. There are no walks and no strikeouts
 - c. If, after 10 pitches, a player has not hit the ball, the batters turn is over. Have the batter go to the dugout and have the next batter take his place at the plate.
 - d. Players will pitch 4 baseballs and Coaches will pitch 6 baseballs
 - i. No more than 10 pitches to the batters unless the batter continues to foul the ball off
 - e. Players can only pitch 1 inning per game
- 5) Defense
 - a. Players will play the 9 regular positions. If you only have 10 kids, play with 4 outfielders.
 - b. It's OK to cycle kids from the bench into positions in the middle of the inning .
 - c. Rotate kids in different positions each inning
- 6) No runs will be counted
- 7) Put outs are to be recognized and honored.
 - a. The player must leave the playing field if they are considered out.
 - b. You are allowed more than 3 outs in an inning in order to allow the entire roster to hit
- 8) No lead offs or stealing bases
- 9) Allowed 1 base on an overthrow.
- 10) All batters and runners must wear protective helmets
- 11) Catchers must wear protective equipment and must wear a protective cup.
 - a. If you do not wear a protective cup, you can not catch.
- 12) All bats and equipment are to be kept in the designated bench area and off the field of play.
- 13) 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
- 14) 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.
- 15) 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

*** Rules noted above are for the first half of the season. The second half of the season will result in real baseball rules. The rules that will change are noted below.

- Rule #3 – Games are 5 innings or 1 hour and 30 minutes long... whichever comes first
- Rule #7 – 3 outs will end an inning. You will not automatically hit through your lineup

- When hitting, you can only hit through your lineup one time per inning no matter how many outs you have
- Rule 4c – No strikeouts even if the player swings and misses 3 times. The 10 pitch limit is still in place.

Pitcher's Mound = 42'

Bases = 60'

4 or 5 Innings (will change half way through season – see above)

Time Limit = 1 hour 30 minutes

Mercy = 15 runs after 3 innings and 10 runs after 4

Bats = 2 ¼" barrel or Little League certified. Can not use big barrel bats

No metal cleats