



JACKSON BASEBALL LEAGUE

Fall Baseball 12 u Rules

1. Game will be 6 innings, with each inning being over after 3 outs or 5 runs scored. 3 hours will be scheduled for double headers, playing 6 innings first game; playing second game until time is up. Umpire will give the official start time prior to first pitch. One additional inning will be given in the case of a tie game, after that inning the game will end in a tie.
2. Each team must have 8 players present or forfeit the game after 10 minutes has passed the regular starting time. A team that does not have 8 players at the regular game starting time has a **MANDATORY FORFEIT**. Teams playing with 8 must take an automatic out for their 9th batting spot. It is suggested that when a forfeit occurs, the team with enough players give some players to the forfeiting team and then play a practice game. Umpires will be expected to stay and ump the game.
3. The last inning shall be the 6th inning or the last inning allowed by time constraint as set in rule one. **10 run rule in effect after completion on 4 innings.**
4. **HOME TEAM** is the official scorer (Umpire will give the official start time prior to the first pitch). The home team is responsible for getting the field ready to play. The city park department will plan on chalking and placing the bases. May be situations that the home team sets the bases. Home team manager is responsible for submitting game score and innings pitched to the division coordinator within 24 hours.
5. **12 u Pitching MAXIMUM: Daily max pitches is 85, required days of rest after pitching are 1-20 pitches; 0 day rest, 21-35 pitches; 1 day rest, 36-50 pitches; 2 days rest, 51-65; 3 days rest. Pitches are tracked by coaching staff. Pitch count totals need to be verified between teams after each inning.**
6. Every team will use 9 players on the field. If a player shows up after the game has begun, he must play in the field before he can be added to the batting order in the last spot.
7. Batters, base runners and on deck batters will be required to wear safety helmets, any helmet removed by choice without calling time being called will receive one team warning per game and the next incidence will result in an automatic out. Also every runner must slide at 2nd, 3rd, and home plate. An out may be called if in the umpire's judgement the player avoids sliding in any close plays. (Ball in the area, slide!) We ask that umpire and coaches help in reminding the players of the need to slide to avoid contact.
8. Free substitutions for all players except the pitcher's position. When the pitcher is removed, they cannot return to the mound to pitch.
9. The dropped third strike rule is **not** in effect. A dropped third strike will result in the batter being called out, without the opportunity to advance to first.

10. There will be base stealing and bunting.

Stealing: Base runners may take a lead off when attempting to steal bases. A chalk line will be marked, 8 foot from 3rd base on the base line towards home plate. A runner on 3rd base may lead off up to that 8 foot line.

11. The infield fly rule is in effect with less than two outs and at least 1st & 2nd base are occupied.

12. If a player is running the bases and struck by an infield fly without being in contact with a base, the batter and the runner will be called out. Only one batter is allowed in the on-deck circle and that player is required to ensure there are no extra bats laying in the area prior to the batter batting.

13. Bases will be 70 feet apart. Please place the base plugs back into base sleeves. The mound will be at 50 feet from back of plate.

14. **Bat barrels may be 2 5/8 " diameter, with USA bat marking, no BBCOR bats.**

15. The procedure for appeal:

a) Team coaches must appeal to the umpire before the next pitch

b) The umpire must call time out

c) The umpire will motion for the appealing coach and the other head coach to listen to the appeal

d) After hearing the appeal, the umpire will then consult with the other umpires without the coaches present

e) The umpire will then make his decision concerning his appeal. The decision of the umpire is final

Remember the most important thing is to teach the boys how to play the game and to have fun doing so!