

UPDATED Erik Metzler Baseball Rules 2019:

1. Please use the 2 out catcher rule must be minimum 5 spots away in batting order. Only Last batter out to run for catcher. When you are going on defense get your pitcher warming up as soon as possible. If the catcher was the last out of the inning, put another player with catcher mask to warm up pitcher. In and out of the dugouts as fast as the players can. They will get more innings.
- 2) Players that pitch more than 40 pitches cannot catch.
Any catcher catching 3 full innings cannot pitch on the same game.
- 3) Game Time 6:15 pm. We will play 6 full inning games. End time 9pm Supervisor Time. **If the Home team don't get to bat in the last inning we go back to the final score from the previous inning. With 10 run rules after 5 innings. 12 Runs rule after 4 innings. If Lightning is detected after 7:30 pm the night is over.**
- 4) Both teams keep a pitch count on every pitcher from both teams. Home team always keep the Scorebook too. But Every Team should keep the game score, that is why I gave a scorebook to every team. That way you can compare scores every inning. Have your players retrieve foul balls. **On Deck circle will be on the same side of your team's dugout.** Make sure the **on-deck batter** get any dead ball that is behind the catcher.
- 5) **Bats -3 BBCOR** (only legal composite barrel)
or use bats contain the "USA Baseball" stamp. Or any **wood bat.**
Batting out of order or player using an illegal bat must notify umpire before next pitch.
- 6) Any pitcher can re-enter as pitcher one time as long as max pitch count is not reached.
Intentional walks you can point the player on but pitch count keeper must add 4 pitches.
A Pitcher that Hits 3 batters in a game will be taken out of Pitching right away.
- 7) **Every** player must play at least **2 complete defensive innings** and we use **consecutive batting order**, so everyone is batting in the lineup.
- 8) Have good **Sportsmanship**, One of the unwritten rules of Baseball. If you already score 15 runs ahead of your opponent, please **do not** steal bases. Unless is a pass ball or wild pitch. **At the end of the game each team will shake hands. Team that don't shake hands, will forfeit the next game. Player that don't shake hands will be suspended for next game. Coach that does not shake hands will be suspended for next game. ALSO- Players and coaches are not allowed to say negative statements to the other team players or coaches during the games or practices. If caught talking negative to another player or coach or retaliating a suspension might be given.**

9) Trips to the mound- if a manager makes **2 trips** to the mound in the same inning or **3 totals** for the same pitcher, the pitcher must be removed from the game as a pitcher. In other words, he may still play, but he must move to another position on the field.

10) **Hopefully this does not happen**, but any argument with Umpires or with another team, if a player, coach, or parent get ejected from the game they **must leave immediately the premises**. I will contact that person with my decision on the ejection a day later. **Will be a suspension of at least 1** or more days depending on severity of actions. If a fight occurs, the players involved will be suspended. Evaluation of the incident will determine the number of days of suspension.

11) If a player throws the helmet intentionally or the bat in a disgust manner player will be ejected. Players Ejections come with a 1 Game suspension.

12) Obvious **Balk** will be called, so teach your pitchers the correct fundamentals of Pitching and the wind up.

13) All changes have to be reported to the Official Score Keeper (Home Team), and let the umpire know.

14) **Dugout Rules** -Only 3 Coaches are allowed during the games. One in the dugout, one in first base box, and one in third base coach. **Important for all coaches- When the team is on the field playing Defense, the coaches for that team must remain inside the dugout or can sit by the gate opening area only**. All coaches must be only the ones you requested and are background checked already.

15) **Practices- Players coming to practice in shorts and no cup, will not be allowed to practice, and might lose the next game. Long Baseball pants and cup and shoes require for all practices.**

Let the kids all play and have fun less stress about winning, prefer to teach them the right fundamentals and prepare them for the future.

don't argue with umpires and that will help keep your players and parents under control! If Parents on your side is out of control, Coaches you have to make sure your parents are under control or he/she will be ask to leave and we will stop the game until he is out of the park and by the parking lot. We won't tolerate any disruptive behavior by coaches or parents and specially no players.

