



Bismarck Youth Fastpitch Softball Association 6U League Game Rules

The 6U division focuses on player development and having fun. It is important that players learn the basic skills of the game (throwing, batting, game rules, etc.) and leave this season with a positive experience which will promote them to return the following season. The rules listed below are intended to provide for a learning atmosphere and not to be competitive.

Arrival time to fields 15-20min prior to start time, game start time 5:45pm, the game starts when both teams are warmed up. Games need to have started by 6pm at the latest. 1 hr time limit, this should allow for 2-3 innings to be played. The goal would be to start at 2 innings and by the end of the season have teams play 3 innings. In the event that the game is delayed or starts late, no new innings may start after 6:50pm. 1 inning is over after both teams have batted and played the field. You may finish the inning out if you run over 7pm. There is no drop dead game time in 6u.

Rules

1. There will be one game each week and one practice night each week, assigned by the league.
2. Players will use an 11" "softee" softball.
3. All players will bat each inning and play defense in the field. Extra players will be placed in the outfield. On the field, rotating positions as needed. We want all players to have the chance to field the ball and make a play.
4. Coaches are strongly encouraged to be in the field to instruct players. Small pauses during game play are allowed to provide instruction. This should occur between batters or after a play has finished.
5. Catchers are required to wear all gear (helmet, chest guard, shin guards, etc.). It is important that girls are introduced to all positions on the field. Utilizing the catching position adds one more opportunity for players to get hands on experience and to touch the ball during the game.
6. Facemasks are **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** for all players.
7. Outs are unlimited each inning as all players will be batting. The end of a 1/2 inning is after the last batter has hit. The last batter will clear the bases with their hit, it is important that the fielders try and make a play for an out while the runs are getting base running experience. Fielders must stay on the field until all batters have cleared the base path to prevent confusion and injury due to collision.
8. The infield fly rule is not in effect.
9. This is a t-ball league. Each batter will get three attempts to hit the ball from the coach, this builds confidence and encourages the growth of the player throughout the season. A specific goal for all players to work towards. If they are unsuccessful at putting the ball in play, then the tee is offered.
10. No bunting, walking, stealing, or advancing base runners on overthrows to the pitcher from the catcher. A coach, parent or older sibling can stand behind the catcher to assist in retrieving passed balls, no advancing base runners on passed balls by catcher.
11. All players are required to play infield and outfield each game rotating the players each inning, and the batting lineup must be changed each game.
12. No scores are kept at this level or umpires during games. Decisions are left up to coaches of each team.



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13. Infield players are encouraged to field the ball and throw to first base. First base then throws to the pitcher.

14. Plays to second, third or home will be up to the coach to teach and direct the players in making the play. Understanding all the different ways to get outs in the game can be overwhelming for this age group. The more complex outs are for practice at this time, double, triple plays, fly balls etc., in the event that a ball makes it to the outfield it is more important that players understand the importance of returning the ball quickly to the pitcher than being concerned with complex plays as listed above.

Go to www.bismarckfastpitch.com for coaching aides.

Code of Conduct

It is the coach's responsibility to ensure all players, parents, and spectators are following the league's code of conduct to be respectful of umpires, coaches, players, and other fans.