

Green Brook Baseball

Hybrid/Intermediate (AA) LEAGUE RULES

All general safety, uniform, general and standard rules apply unless otherwise stated.
Games are scheduled for 2 hours.

1. This division will be a combination coach-pitch / kid-pitch format.
 - a. The 1st, 2nd, 5th & 6th innings will be coach pitch with the following rules:
 - Batter shall receive 5 pitches OR 3 swinging strikes. Only a foul ball (not caught) on the fifth pitch shall keep the batter alive.
 - Pitching – The coach can pitch from a knee or standing position and throw the ball overhand(as opposed to underhand). The intent is to provide the maximum opportunity for the batter to make contact. Managers, coaches or assigned adult pitchers will pitch to their own teams.
 - b. The 3rd and 4th innings will be kid-pitch with normal pitching rules in effect.
 - 4 balls and 3 strikes with no limitations. Count starts with 1st pitch.
 - c. A batter hit by pitch in coach-pitch IS NOT awarded first base and it will count as a pitch.
 - d. A batter hit by pitch in kid-pitch IS awarded first base.
2. 4 Run per inning Mercy Rule is in effect for the 1st inning thru 4th/5th (starting May 1st) innings. Regular season – In the 5th/6th (starting May 1st) OR LAST DECLARED inning by the umpire (may be mutually agreed upon by both Managers), the Visitor may score a maximum of four runs OR enough to tie the HOME team if losing by 5 or more runs. The home team is uncapped in the last inning. Playoffs only - the 6th inning is uncapped for both teams.
3. No Bunting.
4. No Infield Fly Rule.
5. No Stealing.
6. No Leading.
7. No Balks.
8. Runners may not leave the base until the ball is put in play. Each team will get one warning for a runner leaving the base early. Second violation of this will be declared an out.
9. All runners must slide feet first. Head first slide will be called as an out. Sliding into first will be called an out.
10. On a batted ball, play will be stopped when the ball is returned to the player/pitcher (not the coach) and the pitcher has control of the ball within the mound circle. If the base runners are in between bases they will be given only the next base.
11. On an overthrow, the runners advance only 1 base at their own risk.

12. Speed-up rule for catchers – if the catcher for the next inning is a base runner, he may be replaced by the last batted-out player.
 13. There will be ONE umpire officiating the game. His judgment is final and indisputable.
 14. ONLY Two defensive coaches are permitted in the outfield grass to assist defensive players. All other coaches must remain in the dugout.
 15. ONLY Two offensive coaches (1st and 3rd base coaches) are permitted on the field. All other coaches must remain in the dugout.
 16. Every Player sits 1 inning before any player sits 2 innings in the same game.
 17. Coaches should make every attempt to give ALL PLAYERS opportunities at key positions, including giving players opportunities TO PITCH.
 18. Less emphasis should be placed on winning and more emphasis should be placed on teaching the fundamentals of the game of baseball.
 19. No new inning will start after 1 hour 45 minutes of play, with a 2 hour hard stop time limit. (I.e. If the 2 hour mark is reached, with another game scheduled on that field, the game will stop without finishing the inning.)
 20. Regular season standings will not be kept. Play-offs will NOT be seeded by regular season play. Every team will make the play-offs.
 21. A 4th outfielder may be used at this level, provided both coaches agree prior to the start of the game. There must be ONLY 6 infielders. The extra fielder must be in the grass outfield.
- These rules may be modified or amended during the season and/or for the playoffs.

Points of order (not to be included in the rules):

- Managers should have a spreadsheet prior to the start of the game based on field positions for each child and ensure everyone is playing different positions throughout the game, including infield positions, based on the safety risk.
- Managers should have a batting line-up card prior to the start of the game
- Managers should assign Coaches with TASK: 1st Base Coach, 3rd Base Coach, Outfield Coaches and so on
- Managers should always help the child get the Catchers equipment on
- Home team sets up the field, Away team is responsible for raking the field, tarping the mound and cleaning up after the game.
- The Home team supplies two game balls