

2nd/ 3rd Grade Boys Baseball Rules

Territorial Sports Program
Revised 3/2022

NFHS rules apply except for the following exceptions:

1. Home team sits on the 3rd base side. Athletes' parents should sit on their team side and are not allowed behind the home plate area.
2. The game start time is 6:15. The game will consist of 6 innings. No new innings after 90 minutes.
3. Pitching machines will be used:
 - positioned at 40' from home plate
 - Pitching speed set to set to 55 ft/sec (37.5mph), and increased mid-season to 60 ft/sec (40.9mph)
4. Regulation youth baseball will be used. The base length will be 60'. No big barrel bats, no restriction on bat length or weight.
5. Batter gets no more than 3 practice swings. The batter gets 4 pitches and cannot be walked. Foul balls result in another pitch. (batter must hit the ball or be struck out)
6. The batter/runner may **NOT** run on a dropped third strike. The batter is out!
7. Each team must bat their entire roster.
8. Any time that a game is called during an inning because of the time limit, weather, field conditions, etc., the score always reverts back to the score of the last completed inning.
9. **6 Run Rule:** An inning is over when the team hitting scores 6 runs or the team fielding scores 3 outs.
10. **Runners/Stealing:** A runner may lead off when the ball crosses the plate. One warning per team will be given for runners leaving the base early. After that, it will be an out. Runners can steal all bases except HOME. Runners at 3rd base may only advance home on a hit ball. **No stealing HOME!**
11. **International Tie Breaker:** In the event of a tie at the end of six innings or the 90 minutes, the ITB rule goes into effect. The intent of the ITB is to provide accelerating scoring opportunities and to bring the game to a speedier conclusion. The team on offense will start the inning with a runner on 2nd base. The runner is the batter who was last out in the previous inning. Only 1 full inning will be played. If the game is still tied at the end of the completed inning, the game will end in a tie.
12. All catchers must wear a mask with throat protection, helmet, chest & shin protection during practices and games.

13. All players must play 3 full innings of a 6-inning game. A full inning is defined as a play in the field. If a player is not playing for disciplinary reasons, the Sports Director and parent must be informed 24hrs in advance of the game (email or call, not through text), and the umpire must be informed before the game starts.

14. No tobacco, alcohol, or drug use by any player, coach, or spectator during the game.

15. No throwing the bat! After a warning, it will result in an out being called.

16. **Rain Out Info:** Games will be called no later than 1 hour before the start time.

17. Good sportsmanship will be displayed at all times. Coaches, players, parents, or fans arguing with an umpire may result in an ejection from the game. **This can result in an out for that team.** Only positive chants will be allowed!

4th/5th/6th Grade Boys Baseball Rules

Territorial Sports Program

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NFHS rules apply except for the following exceptions:

1. Home team sits on the 3rd base side. Athletes' parents should sit on their team side and are not allowed behind the home plate area.
3. 60-foot bases. 46-foot pitching mound. Regulation youth baseball.
4. Six inning games with a 2hour time limit. The umpire shall declare the last inning before the time limit and the last inning shall be open. No new innings after the 2 hours. Games cannot end in a tie.
5. All players must play 3 full innings of a 6-inning game. A full inning is defined as a play in the field. If a player is not playing for disciplinary reasons, the umpire must be informed before the game starts.
6. In case of rain, 4 full innings will be considered a game. If a game is called due to the time limit, it will be considered a full game as long as one inning has been completed.
7. Pitching substitution rules: The pitcher does not have to remain on the field in order to come back and pitch in the same game. This is different than High School. Please be aware sometimes a player's arm can get tight after sitting a couple of innings. Make sure your players warm up before sending them back into the game. If a pitcher hits two batters in an inning, they must be replaced (this will count as a pitching inning). They may return to pitch in the following inning.
8. If a pitcher walks or hits batter 3 consecutive batters, the pitcher must be replaced but may return after the relief pitcher has pitched to at least 1 batter.
9. 4 innings per game for each pitcher/seven innings per week. Innings are to be recorded on the Roster sheet that is submitted to the equipment room after every game.
10. An inning will end when a maximum of six runs per team are scored, or 3 outs have been made.
11. Each team must bat their entire roster.
12. The batter/runner may run on a dropped third strike.
11. Runners may lead off after the ball crosses home plate. One warning per team will be given for runners leaving the base early. After that, it will be an out. Runners may steal all bases.
13. **International Tie Breaker:** In the event of a tie at the end of six innings or the 90 minutes, the ITB rule goes into effect. The intent of the ITB is to provide accelerating scoring opportunities and to bring the game to a speedier conclusion. The team on offense will start the inning with a runner on 2nd base. The runner is

the batter who was last out in the previous inning. Only 1 full inning will be played. If the game is still tied at the end of the completed inning, the game will end in a tie.

14. **Infield Fly Rule:** This rule will apply when there is only 0 or 1 out and when there are runners at 1st & 2nd or the bases are loaded. If a fair infield fly ball is in play, and in the umpire's judgment is catchable by an infielder, the umpire shall call "infield fly, the batter is out" and the batter will be out regardless of whether the ball is actually caught.

If "infield fly, the batter is out" is called and the fly ball is caught, it is treated exactly as an ordinary caught fly ball. The batter is out, there is no force, and the runners must tag up.

If "infield fly, the batter is out" is called and the ball lands fair without being caught, the batter is still out, there is still no force, BUT the runners are not required to tag up.

15. The 10-run rule will apply after 5 innings.

16. All catchers must wear a mask with throat protection, helmet, chest, and shin protection while catching, including warm-ups. All male catchers shall wear their own protective cup.

17. No tobacco, alcohol, or drug use by any players, coaches, or spectators during games.

18. **No player, coach, fan, or parent shall argue or harass an umpire, or use abusive or profane language.**

This can result in an out for that team. Only positive chants will be allowed!