

CALL AASR/AAJR SANDLOT GUIDELINES

- **Coaches:**
 - CALL coaches for their applicable level run the AASR/ AAJR sandlot games on a rotational basis. CALL coaches bring their equipment bags so there is proper catcher's gear, batting helmets, etc. available for players. **At the AASR/ AAJR Sandlot games, CALL host coaches instruct the players during the games** – this is an important difference from CALL AAA and Majors Sandlot games.
 - The CALL coaches will also be the umpires for the AA SR/ AA JR sandlot games. The coaches take turns as umpire when his/ her team is the fielding team and will be positioned behind his/her pitcher. When in the role of umpire, coaches will make the calls for all pitches and fielding plays.
- **Rules:** Except as noted below, the rules for the CALL AASR level will apply.
- **Selecting Teams:** The goal is for players to be teammates with a wide variety of players (and make new friends) over the course of the sandlot season, so sandlot teams should change every week. Each week, all players are "counted off" with numbers "one" and "two". The "ones" go to first base dugout and the "twos" go to the third base dugout. The team in the first base dugout is the home team.
- **Batting Order and Player Positions:** The coaches select the batting order.
 - All players are in the batting order even if there are more total players on a team than there are positions to field.
 - Coaches rotate players every inning so that everyone plays a variety of positions.
- **Number of Players:** If sufficient players are in attendance, the number of players in the field at any one time should be consistent with the CALL house rules.
 - However, teams can include as few as five players: a pitcher, catcher, a first baseman, an infielder and an outfielder and the rules are modified accordingly. For example, if playing with only one outfielder on a team - play with only two fields, right and center for left-handers, left and center for right-handers. In this case, balls hit by right-handed hitters to right field are automatic outs and balls hit by left-handed hitters to left field are out. You hit the ball to a field that is out, you are ... OUT.
- **Pitching:** Although Sandlot games are intended to encourage pitchers to match their pitches to the skill level of the hitter (so that everyone has a chance to hit the ball) this is difficult to enforce in practice. To limit the impact of particularly skilled pitchers on the game, a pitching change will be made after any pitcher strikes out a total of two players from the opposing team.