

3rd and 4th Grade In-House League 2013
Becker, Big Lake, Clear Lake

1. Sportsmanship is the #1 Rule. We are all here to have fun and learn!
2. All players must be in the batting lineup. Must have a minimum of eight players to start a game. May have up to ten players play defense at a time (4 outfielders).
3. No player may sit-out more than one inning in a row.
4. A single pitcher may pitch a maximum of six outs in one game. If one pitcher walks five batters in one inning, the pitcher must be replaced. A pitcher that walks ten batters in one game, must be removed from the pitching position for the rest of that game. There is a maximum of three inning appearances per game, per pitcher.
5. A manager may visit the mound a maximum of 3 times per pitcher, per game. On his 3rd visit he must remove the pitcher.
6. The standard three outs per half inning will be in effect.
7. There is a "mercy rule" allowing a maximum of five runs per half inning, except for the final declared inning, which must be declared at the start of the top half of the inning.
8. The standard, 4 ball, 3 strike count will be used.
9. The Strike zone will consist of a pitch that crosses the plate between the batter's armpits and upper shins and one ball's width on both sides of the plate.
10. The game will be up to 6 innings in length. Games will be TWO HOURS, unless extra innings occur or if in the middle of an inning. No new inning will start after TWO HOURS.
11. Score will be kept and recorded. There are no standings kept.
12. No stealing allowed, including wild pitches and passed balls.
13. The runner may not leave the base until the ball crosses the plate. The only way a runner can advance is when a ball has been hit.
14. One base maximum advance on an overthrow (even if more than one overthrow is made), on a ball that has been hit in play.
15. Batter is out after third strike, even if the catcher drops the pitch.
16. A maximum of one on-deck batter is allowed and only in the designated area (circled area). The on-deck batter will be warming up in the area behind the batter current at the plate.
17. Home team is to provide a "Behind-the-plate" umpire.
18. Each team is to provide one new game ball and one good used ball per game.
19. Regular baseballs are used. Catchers must wear protective gear, including a protective cup. Other players are encouraged to wear one, especially the pitcher, first baseman and third baseman.
20. The infield fly rule is in effect. Runners cannot advance. This rule shall apply when a routinely fielded pop-up is hit inside the baseline and "infield fly" is called in advance by the umpire (if the umpire does not call it right away, play it out; if afterwards it is declared an infield fly, then runners get "free backs").
21. Bunting is allowed. If the ball is bunted foul on a two strike count, the batter is out.
22. The home team/town shall make the call on weather related cancellations. If a game is canceled, the opposing coach shall be notified. Rescheduling of cancellations is up to coach's discretion and field availability. If lightening is seen, both teams must clear the fields and dugouts and wait 20 minutes before play resumes.
23. Players must slide feet first (exception: diving back to base may be done head first). Players must avoid contact. The player who makes intentional contact will be ejected from the game). The

teammate may be called out, which is in the discretion of the umpire (in a double play situation). Defensive players must not intentionally interfere with the runner in the baseline. Interference rule is in effect.

24. Coaches must deal with unruly fans. Any player throwing equipment, using profanity or violating the code of ethics, shall be warned and upon second offense in a game, will be ejected.

25. Any player who does not bat in his position shall be considered an out. Exception: In case of an injury or illness only, by agreement of both coaches and umpire, his position will be eliminated without penalty. Player cannot reenter game once he has missed a turn. In the event of an ejection, upon reaching that player's position in the batting order, his "up" will result in an out.

26. Balks shall not be enforced. Coaches/Umpires shall notify players of obvious balks.

27. If home team is winning after the end of the top half of the last declared inning, the game is complete (home team will not bat again).

28. Drugs, alcohol and tobacco (including pipes, cigarettes, cigars and chewing tobacco) are not allowed on the grounds. Also, NO Pets are allowed on the grounds.

29. If there are any problems, concerns or questions, please contact your local "League Director."

30. Once a pitcher has pitched in a game, they cannot re-enter to pitch again.

*End of the year tournament - will be on July 19, 20, and 21. There will be a no spectator admission fee.

*If short on players, a player at a lower level can be moved up, but NO players from a higher level can be moved down. In this case, the team will forfeit their game.

*If an umpire doesn't show, coaches will alternate turns calling balls/strikes, or a mutually agreed upon person in the crowd will call the balls/strikes. In either case, the person calling balls/strikes will not be paid.

*Play-offs will be 6 innings. No new inning will start after 1 hour 45 minutes into the game.

*Generally, the bases will be at about 60 feet, and the pitching rubber will be about 46 feet.

*Coaches: If you have questions on a rule during the game, please call time and go out to calmly talk to the umpire.