



Becker Junior Ball

7/8 year old League Rules

The 7/8 year old league is intended to provide a fun, safe, learning experience in real baseball game situations. Emphasis is on building individual skills as well as introducing the fundamentals of the game of baseball. On field coaching is used in order to facilitate the learning process throughout the season. Although the main emphasis is on having fun and learning, the league also begins to prepare participants to be competitive in older leagues.

Schedule:

- Game scores will not be kept and there are no standings.
- Games will be played with Becker, Foley, and Clear Lake teams.
- There will be an end of the season tournament against parents, with awards and snacks.

Overview:

1. No score is kept in the game.
2. Games will be a maximum of 6 innings long or will end when both teams have had equal times at bat, around the 1 hour mark.
3. Half innings are over after either 3 outs or 5 runs have been scored.
4. The home team is listed first on the schedule and will bat in the bottom half of the inning.
5. All players are placed in the batting order.
6. Starting lineups should be rotated so that all players start on an equal basis.
7. Substitutions are allowed at any time.
8. All players should experience different positions, keeping in consideration safety issues.
9. Four outfielders will be used whenever there are at least 10 players attending the game.
10. The pitcher and catcher positions will also be played. **Remember safety.**

11. All Batters will be offered **6** hittable pitches. The batter will be called out if the ball is not put into play after the last pitch.
12. No bunting is allowed.
13. No stealing is allowed.
14. Runners will advance **one** base on an overthrow.
15. Sliding is encouraged whenever there is a play at any base other than 1st base. **No head first slides!!!**
16. Coaches should work together to ensure that games are run safely and children show good sportsmanship.
17. Coaches will be allowed on the field to assist in defensive placement, strategy, and execution throughout the season.

Notes for Parents:

1. Put names on everything - bills of hats, shirts, balls, gloves, bats, etc...
2. A t-shirt and hat will be given to every player. Please have the children wear them to every game.
3. Long pants should be worn along with cleats or sneakers, but please, no sandals.
4. Each child should bring a water bottle/drink to practice and games.
5. Practice the skills learned by the coach with your kids at home.
6. Try to have at least 1 parent at every practice and game.
7. Contact the Coach if you're child will not be able to attend a game and/or practice.

If you have any other questions:

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