

Welcome to Kansas RBI! **Our kid pitch level of baseball/softball for ages 9-10.** This level of baseball is to introduce the players to baseball, team work and sportsmanship. We hope you enjoy this introductory level of baseball and we hope to see you for many years to come!!

### **Coaching and substituting**

The responsibility of following all rules lies with the coaches of each team. However, the official scorekeeper shall notify a coach of violations whenever possible to prevent a violation and/or protested game.

Substitutions shall be in accordance with KCK RBI regulations.

### **Starting and ending a game**

Games will be six (6) innings in length or one and half (1.5) hours. No new inning will start after 1 hour and 15 minutes except in a tie game. Time will be kept by the home plate umpire's watch. Starting time will be noted in the official scorebook. It is recommended that players and coaches arrive a minimum of 30 minutes prior to scheduled game time.

Each team can start a game with eight (8) eligible players, if nine (9) are not present. Teams may begin a game with eight (8) players and then add the 9th player at the bottom of the line-up upon arrival. A team cannot play with less than eight (8) players. Teams failing to field at least eight (8) players 11 minutes (teams are given a 10 minute grace period) after the scheduled game time shall forfeit the game. Forfeits count as losses and cannot be replayed. Outs will not be assessed when teams can only field the minimum number of players at the start of the game when the absent players are due at bat. When players are ejected from the game and there are no other players eligible to replace them, then an out shall be assessed.

Protests on official's judgment calls will not be considered. Double headers may be played in extenuating circumstances. Rain Out Line 913-825-6683

Waive batter to first on intentional walk.

Substitute for catcher when catcher is base runner (mandatory with 2 outs)  
Participants must be 10 years of age or younger on or before 1 May of the current season.

Starters may re-enter the game one time in the same batting position.

All players must bat once and play two innings on defense.

If a shortened game, (time limit, weather, etc.) prevents a player from playing two innings on defense and getting at least two (1) at bat, then that player(s) must start during the next game. This rule is mandatory and must be documented in the official book/enforced by the scorekeeper and/or Kansas RBI Staff.

Penalty: 1st offense - coach is suspended for the next game.

2nd offense- coach is suspended for the remainder of the season.

Playing ineligible players shall result in forfeiture of all games in which the ineligible player(s) participated.

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2nd Offense- coach is suspended for the remainder of the season.

All Offenses- forfeiture of game(s)

Each team will consist of a maximum of 15 players. The minimum number of players per team will be determined by enrollment.

### **Equipment**

Tennis shoes or molded rubber cleats must be worn.

Batting head protectors (helmets covering both ears) must be worn (including youth coaches).

### **Playing Field and Field Equipment**

The distance between all bases shall be 65 feet. The distance from the rear tip of home plate to the nearer edge of the pitcher's plate shall be 46 feet.

2. Home plate, bases, batter's box, coaches' boxes, etc. shall all be accordance with current Kansas RBI regulations. The pitcher's plate may either be regulation baseball size or official Little League size.

A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher (required with 2 outs) or pitcher when they are on base. A courtesy runner must be an eligible substitute. If an eligible substitute is not available, then the last batted out will be the courtesy runner.

A base runner can steal home. He may score on a over thrown ball by the catcher to any infielder (including the pitcher), or any throw by the catcher making an attempt to put out a base runner on first, second or third base.

### **Batting**

1. Batters will be allowed to advance to first base on a third strike not properly handled by the catcher.

2. Each team has the option to bat 9 players, 10 players (Extra hitter), or the entire line-up. This must be established before the first pitch of the game and remain for the entire game.

3. A batter will not throw or sling the bat in a way that could potentially injure someone.

a. Penalty: 1st offense - batter will receive a warning.

2nd offense - offending batter will be removed from participation in the remainder of the game.

We will play regular baseball with no per inning scoring limit. If a game gets out of hand coaches can agree to allow the offense and defense to switch sides without getting 3 outs. Both teams must agree on the decision.

## **Pitching**

1. A pitcher may not pitch more than 6 innings per game or no more than a total of 9 innings in a calendar week regardless if they play in two age groups or not. A calendar week begins on Sunday and ends on Saturday.
2. Any pitcher who pitches at least four (4) innings in a game must have a minimum of 36 hours rest before he can pitch in another next game.
3. One pitch constitutes an inning pitched.
4. A pitcher shall be considered ineligible if he makes one (1) legal pitch after reaching the pitching limitations.
  - a. No protest of a game in which an ineligible pitcher participates will be allowed unless a coach refuses to remove the pitcher from the lineup when the infraction is discovered by the umpires or opposing team.
5. Balks will be called after one warning has been given.

The Kansas RBI Executive Director, reserves the right to make final determination on any rules or interpretations that may arise throughout the season. Rules are subject to change.

**\*\* WE THANK ALL COACHES, PARENTS, AND OFFICERS FOR THEIR VOLUNTEERED TIME & ENERGY**