

Medfield Youth Baseball / Softball
Boys 3rd Grade - Farm League Rules

1. 9 players in the field at a time.
2. Regulation baseball will be used.
3. No player should sit on the bench for more than one inning consecutively. During the season, all players should play approximately the same number of innings in the field.
4. Players may be freely rotated in and out defensively by inning. (A player starting an inning in the field shall not be removed during the inning unless an injury occurs or by request of parent.)
5. Games are scheduled for 6 innings, however no inning may start after 7:50PM.
6. No stealing or leading off base.
7. No bunting.
8. No infield fly rule or balks.
9. Two base maximum when hitting until mid May (date to be set by coordinator). The exception to the two base rule would be if a player hit a home run over the outfield fence. After that set date the two base limit is eliminated.
10. A player may only pitch 6 outs per game or 2 innings and no more than 6 innings per week (Monday thru Sunday). A pitcher may not return to the pitching position in a game once he has been removed from the pitching position.
11. A half inning is over after 3 outs or 5 runs, except in the 6th inning when there is no run limit.
12. 5 balls constitute a walk, and 3 strikes an out.
13. Batters are encouraged to swing. Umpires strike zones may vary, but should generally adhere to over the plate between the shoulders and the high ankles.
14. During the regular season, if a game is tied after 6 innings, the game is over. Extra innings will be played in the playoffs.
15. All teams make the playoffs.
16. All players bat in continuous order, regardless of their status in the field. All players must bat.

17. A player hit by a pitch while at bat will take the base. Any pitcher hitting two players in an inning or three in a game must be replaced with a new pitcher. That pitcher may not return to the pitching position during the game.
18. The home team warms up for 30 minutes 1 hour prior to game time; visitor warms up 30 minutes prior to game time.
19. Visitors bat first and take the bench on the 3rd base side.
20. Each team shall maintain a complete and accurate score sheet for the game.
21. All scores must be posted promptly on the website by the winning team.
22. For safety reasons, all pitchers must pitch from the rubber.
23. At least 7 players must be fielded for an official game. Opposing teams can lend players for a game; the team with less than 7 players will forfeit the game in the standings by a score of 1-0.
24. Players should be instructed not to throw bats or helmets at any time.
25. Batting helmets (with cages) must be worn at bat, on deck, and on the bases.
26. Bat swinging is only allowed when being instructed by a coach, at home plate, in the batter's box or in the on deck area.
27. The home team is responsible for supplying 2 new balls and the umpire. Umpire may stand behind pitcher or behind catcher (if proper equipment is worn).
28. 1st and 3rd base can be coached by adults only—not kids.
29. All catchers are required to wear a plastic cup/athletic supporter.
30. All catchers must wear equipment including face mask in practice, games, or warm ups. No exceptions.
31. Bases, umpire equipment, and clickers are stored in the lock box at the fields. Please return the equipment at the end of each game (home team is responsible).
32. No extra bases on overthrows until mid-May (date to be set by coordinator).