

RIPON PARKS & RECREATION - 2022 BOYS BASEBALL RULES 7 - 8 YEAR OLD LEAGUE

The overall purpose of this recreation program is for the boys to have a fun and positive experience while competing in this activity. I want to thank you the coaches for volunteering to spend time with these boys and hope everybody has a positive experience.

PROCEDURES

1. Any player who registers late will be placed on a team by the director if there is room.
2. Each coach will receive a team roster, schedule and rules. Please contact the director if there is anything else you need.
3. Uniforms will be distributed at a later date.

RULES

NO SEEDS, SHELLS OR GUM ARE ALLOWED AT THE FIELDS!
VIOLATORS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PARK AND THE
LEAGUE! – THIS INCLUDES PLAYERS, PARENTS, COACHES
AND SPECTATORS

- 1 Games will consist of **five innings** of play.
- 2 No new inning will begin after 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- 3 Players will get 5 pitches from their coach before a strike out is called (except on a foul tip the last pitch).
4. There are no walks, hit batsmen, or called strikes.
5. There will be no stealing or advancing on the bases except on a live ball after it has been hit.
6. No extra bases are allowed on an overthrow.
7. Play stops when the ball is thrown to the infield.
8. All teams will play with 10 players on the field.
9. Teams may play with as few 7 players (5 or 6 players will be a forfeit but the game may still be played if both coaches agree ahead of time).
10. The league director has final say on any questions about the rules or league play.

SPECIAL RULES

1. The official rules for little league will be the primary source of the rules. However, the following special rules will be enforced in this league.
2. Bats must meet the USABat Standard as approved by Little League Baseball. The bats shall not be more than 33 inches in length nor more than two and one-quarter (2 ¼) inches in diameter. Non-wood bats shall be labeled with BPF (bat performance factor) of 1.15 or less.
3. Every player must play 3 innings of each game unless the time limit ends before completion.
4. **Players must rotate positions at least every two innings.**
5. No new inning will begin after one hour and 15 minutes from the start of the game. A new inning begins the moment the third out is made in the previous inning.
6. The umpire or scorekeeper's watch will be considered the official time.
7. All teams must have a continuous batting order.
8. There is a **six run limit** per inning. **Games may end in a tie.**
9. Base runners must slide or avoid contact. Deliberate contact will lead to expulsion.
10. Players that throw helmets, bats or display other unsportsmanlike behavior may be removed from the game (one team warning will be given for an unintentional thrown bat, the second time an out will be called).
11. Coaches are responsible for their fans/parents acting in a proper manner.
12. Please do not purchase additional trophies or awards for teams. The recreation department will purchase awards for the first place or tournament champion team in every league. Please do not ask sponsors to pay for awards or end of year-end parties.

Thank you for participating in our recreation baseball league. The task may seem great but it should be rewarding for the kids. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

HAVE A GREAT YEAR!

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