

Goddard Baseball / Softball
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13-14 Kid Pitch Boys Rules

1. Pitcher's mound shall be fifty six (56') from home plate and bases shall be eighty (80') apart.
2. A game will consist of six (6) innings or two (2) hours, whichever first occurs. **No new inning shall start after 1 hour and 50 minutes.** The last inning will be completed. Extra innings will be played if the game ends in a tie, regardless of the time limit.
3. A team scoring six (6) runs in any one (1) inning before three (3) outs are made will be declared side-out and the sides will change.
4. If after completion of a team's turn at bat in the third inning, they are behind fifteen (15) runs or more {ten (10) runs at any inning thereafter}, the game shall be terminated and considered a complete game.
5. Each player must play at least two (2) innings in the field unless the game is shortened due to weather or the run rule.
6. Free substitution can be used. All players reporting in time for the game must bat in rotation. Any player coming to the game late may be added to the bottom of the lineup at the time he arrives.
7. No player may appear as a pitcher in more than a total of four (4) innings in a single day; and, if he appears on two (2) consecutive days as a pitcher he may not appear on the third (3rd) day. The throwing of one (1) pitch constitutes an appearance.
EXAMPLE: If a pitcher starts an inning and throws to one batter and is then removed and, later in the same inning, is put back in as a pitcher, he will have two (2) innings charged to his total of four (4); and, if replaced later in the same game, he is done pitching for that game per Rule 8. The penalty for violation of this rule shall be forfeiture of the game in which violation occurred.
8. Once a starting pitcher or a sub-pitcher has been removed from that position, he may re-enter that position one (1) time in the same game.
9. Each team must field at least eight (8) but not more than nine (9) players. Fielding less than nine (9) players does **not** constitute an out in the batting order.
10. Bunting is allowed.
11. **The home team will provide the official scorekeeper. The official score keeper will also be the official timekeeper along with the plate umpire. The visiting team will provide a base umpire.**
12. **No metal cleats are allowed. A player wearing metal cleats will not be allowed to play.**

13. Bats are to be made of a non-wood product. Bats shall not exceed 33 inches in length and not weigh more than twelve (12) ounces less than the length of the bat(e.g., a 32-inch-bat cannot be less than 20 ounces). The diameter of the bat at the thickest part shall be 2 3/4 inches or less.

14. A glove/mitt worn by a pitcher that includes the colors of white and/or gray shall be illegal.

15. In order to keep the game moving umpires will allow two (2) minutes to change sides. After two minutes the umpire will start to call a “ball” if the defensive team is not ready and a “strike” if the team at bat is not ready. The umpire will wait 20 seconds in between pitches until regular play has resumed.

16. Mandatory courtesy runner is to be used for the catcher when there are two (2) outs. The player who made the previous out is to be the runner.

17. Five (5) warm-up pitches is the maximum between innings. A new pitcher will be allowed seven (7) warm-up pitches. The plate umpire shall keep count on the number of pitches used.

18. Infield practice will be limited to 5 minutes per team. No infield practice after the 6:00 pm games.

19. All players will wear a helmet while batting, running the bases or coaching a base. If he/she refuses, he/she will be declared out if batting or on the bases. If a runner intentionally discards their helmet while running the bases, he/she will be declared out at the next dead ball. Base coaches not wearing a helmet will not be allowed to coach a base.

20. Infield fly rule will be enforced.

21. Dropped third(3rd) strike rule will be enforced.

22. The balk rule will be enforced as defined by the National Federation of High Schools Baseball Rules Book. Umpires will be instructed to work with pitchers. Pitchers will be given a warning first. The next time a pitcher balks the rules will be enforced.