

**Goddard Baseball / Softball**  
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9-10 Kid Pitch Boys Rules

1. Pitcher's mound shall be forty-six feet (46') from home plate and bases shall be sixty five feet (65') apart.

**2. 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.**

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

4. A game will consist of five (5) innings or one and one-half (1 1/2) hours, whichever first occurs. **No new inning shall start after 1 hour and twenty minutes.** The last inning does not have to be completed. In case of a tie, each team gets one-half (1/2) game.

**5. 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.**

**6. 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.**

**7. 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.**

8. 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.

9. No player may appear as a pitcher in more than a total of three (3) innings in a single day; and, if he appears on two (2) consecutive days as a pitcher, he may not appear on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) 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 three (3); and if replaced later in the same game, he is done pitching for that game.

10. 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.

11. Free substitution can be used. All players reporting in time for the game must bat in rotation. Any player coming late to the game will be added to the bottom of the lineup at the time he arrives.

12. Each player must play at least six (6) outs or two (2) innings in the field unless the game is shortened due to weather or run rule.

13. **Special Baserunning Rule:** Base stealing will be allowed. Base runners can advance after the ball crosses home plate, but before the catcher is throwing back to the pitcher. (ie, no delayed steals) If a runner leaves the base before the ball crosses home plate, he will be out, dead ball, no pitch. Interference by the batter constitutes the runner being declared out. When a runner is stealing they are allowed one base per attempt. No advancement on overthrows.

**14. Double steals will be allowed. All runners will be allowed to advance to the next base at their own risk. One base per attempt, no advancement on overthrows.**

15. The infield fly, dropped third strike, and balk rules will not apply.

16. Each team must field at least eight (8) but not more than nine (9) players

17. The runner is out if he fails to touch a base in the judgment of the umpires; he will be called out when the ball is dead.

18. Bunting is allowed.

**19. The diameter of the bat at the thickest part shall be 2 3/4 inches or less.**

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