

IOWA CITY BOYS BASEBALL
Instructional Rules for 5 and 6 year-old Division

Approved regulation Tee Ball bats no longer than 27 inches are suggested.

All players should wear their Tee Ball shirt and cap to each game.

Pants going below their knees will be required.

Metal cleats may not be worn. However, rubber molded cleats are allowed.

On offense, one coach will assist the batter, one coach will coach 1st base, and once coach will coach 3rd base. Other coaches may assist in the outfield. (They are permitted in the outfield but may not touch the ball in play.)

Coaches are reminded to keep their players safe and paying attention to the game while they are in the dugouts. Coaches are to make sure no equipment is out of the dugout. (Safety concerns)

A maximum of 10 players will be allowed on the field at a time. The pitcher must be on the pitcher's mound when the ball is put into play. The catcher's position will be located near the backstop to the side, away from the batter because they will not be wearing any equipment. The coach will stand in front of the catcher for protection.

No player will sit on the bench defensively for two innings unless injured. Free substitution will be used.

All batters will hit from the batting tee for the first part of the season. A batter will get three swings to put the ball in fair play. If the batter hits more tee than ball it will be counted as a strike.

Starting halfway through the season batters will hit off a pitching machine. The player will receive 5 pitches from the machine or 3 swinging strikes. A player may choose to continue to hit from the tee if he chooses and will receive 3 swings to put the ball in fair play.

The infield fly rule is not in effect.

Bunting is not allowed.

Leading off of bases is not allowed.

Base stealing is not allowed. Base runners must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit. If the runner should leave early, the umpire/coaches will call time and send the runner back. The batter will then hit over.

Once a batted ball is in the possession of a defensive player, there are two options:

1. Infielders or Outfielders may make a play on the batter or runner(s) on base. Batter and runner(s) advance at their own risk. If a batter or runner is out, they will return to the dugout.
2. Infielders or Outfielders may at any time hold the ball up in the air which will stop play. When play is halted, runners that are more than half way to a base will be awarded the next base.

A batter or runner may be out as in regular baseball, however the inning will not be over until all of the offensive team players have one at bat.

Once the last out of the inning or the last play of the inning is complete and there is a dead ball situation, all base runners will return **directly** to their dugout.

A player, coach or parent using profane language or exhibiting unsportsmanlike behavior is cause for dismissal from the area.

COACHES and PARENTS: This is a program for the young players to learn the fundamentals of baseball along with good sportsmanship. It is up to you to set the example.

LET'S ALL HAVE FUN!