



Kindergarten Baseball

League Rules Highlights

- Batters are allowed 5 pitches. After that, the ball is placed on a tee for the batter to put the ball into play. Batters will not strike out or walk
- All players play in the field at all times
- Players will rotate between infield and outfield positions throughout the game
- All players will bat in order.

1. General Rules:

- a. This league will follow a coach pitch format for the entire season.
- b. Game times:
 - i. 1 hour and 15 minutes or 5 innings, whichever comes first
 1. An inning will end at 3 outs or when every player has batted, whichever comes first.
 - ii. Games are scheduled back to back so teams are allowed to use the space behind field 1 to warm up prior to their team's game.

2. Batting:

- a. Batters will receive 5 pitches from his/her coach.
 - i. If the ball is not hit into fair territory after 5 pitches, the ball is placed on a tee for the batter to put the ball into play.
- b. If a batter/runner is out, he/she will return to the dugout.
- c. If a batter ball hits the coach, the ball is dead and the batter is awarded first base. All other runners will move up one base.
- d. Coach must display proper sportsmanship and make every effort to get out of the way of the hit.

3. Fielding:

- a. All defensive players will play in the field.
 - i. Positions: 1 pitcher, 4 infielders, and the remaining players in the outfield.
- b. A batted ball will remain live and in play until it is returned to the infield.

- i. Any runner, not at least halfway to the next base must return to the previous base.
 - c. When a ball is overthrown to any base, a runner can only advance if they are past the ½ point to the next base
 - d. On an overthrow to first base, the runner may only advance one base.
 - i. If the overthrow occurs at first base the player that batted the ball may only advance 1 base and go to second. Even if the ball is then thrown away in error again, that base runner may not advance.
 - e. There will be NO “Infield Fly Rule”.
- 4. Coaches:
 - a. Offensively:
 - i. The team at bat will provide the coach/adult pitcher and catcher
 - ii. Additional coaches can be positioned as follows:
 - 1. the first base coach’s box,
 - 2. The third base coach’s box.
 - 3. Dug-out/bench
 - b. Defensively:
 - i. 1 coach may be positioned behind 2nd base to give verbal instruction, not physically help.
 - ii. 2 coaches may be positioned in the outfield to give verbal instruction, not physically help.
 - c. Officiating:
 - i. The defensive coaches will serve as the base umpires.
 - ii. The offensive coach that is catching will serve as the plate umpire.
- 5. PLAYING FIELD DIMENSIONS:
 - a. The Coach/Pitcher should pitch from within the pitching circle
 - b. The pitcher (player) should field 30 Feet (indicated by red line)
 - c. 50 Feet bases

Guidelines:

- **THIS LEAGUE IS 100% INSTRUCTIONAL, FUN, & RECREATIONAL**
- **.....LET THE KIDS HAVE FUN AND LEARN THE GAME OF BASEBALL.**
- **.....No scorekeeper, No scoreboard, No standings.**
- The goal of this league is to teach basic baseball fundamentals while stressing fun and sportsmanship through positive instruction and positive role models.
- Managers are encouraged to rotate their players’ defensive positions throughout each game, so that each player has the opportunity to experience each position.

***Please note that all games played with Morgan Falls will not count in team records and just additional games.**