



LMYA's 1st-2nd Grade Baseball Rules

GENERAL

- Games shall be 6 innings or 1½ hours' time limit. No inning should start after 1¼ hours of playing time. Innings in progress after 1¼ hours should be completed.
- Each inning shall consist of 3 outs or one time through the batting order, whichever comes first (for each team). If one team has 9 players and one team has 13 players, then each team should bat up a maximum of 13 batters per inning.
- Visiting team takes bats first, home team fields first.
- Standings and scoring are not recorded.

BATTING

- All players shall be in the batting order. The batting order is 'set' prior to the start of play and cannot be changed during the game.
- The team at bat provides an adult pitcher and catcher. The adults should not participate in fielding the ball while it is still in play.
- Batters and base runners must wear helmets.
- Each batter shall get 6 pitches to hit the ball. There are no strikeouts or walks. After 6 pitches the ball should be hit off a tee. This rule can be enforced loosely if it appears the batter can hit the ball; however, the game should be kept moving for the sake of the other players.
- Coaches should use best judgment; for players not quite ready to hit pitched balls, it is better to simply allow them to hit off the tee immediately (vs getting 6 pitched balls first).
- Runners cannot take leads off the bases. Runners can leave the base when the batter contacts the ball. Base-stealing is not permitted; sliding is not recommended, except to avoid a collision with another player.
- Runners cannot advance on overthrows, errors, or wild pitches.
- If an inning ends with the last batter, then the "final" out can be either a force out at first (or any other base), according to standard rules, or a put out at home plate by simply touching home before the next runner crosses the plate. Any runner scoring before the put out qualifies as a run scored.

FIELDING

- No player shall be in catcher's position for they do not have equipment on. Only adults behind home plate.
- All players can play in the field at once, as follows:
 - one player next to the adult pitcher
 - four-five infielders other than the pitcher
 - remaining players are outfielders.
- A fielder must yield the base path to a runner unless the fielder is making a play for the ball or has the ball and is making play on the runner. In those cases, the runner must run around the fielder or slide to the base to avoid collision.