



**NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS**

**RULES**

**BASEBALL: KID PITCH: 5-6 YEAR-OLDS**

*Applies to both practices and games.*

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1. The home team is listed first on the schedule and will occupy the third base side of the field.
2. Games are one hour and fifteen minutes or three innings, whichever is completed first.
3. No forfeits.
4. No score will be kept.
5. An NYS jersey and hat must be worn during the game. No exceptions!
6. Metal cleats, open toed shoes, or jewelry are not to be worn.
7. All players on the defensive team are allowed to be on the field. Teams will play with a limit of seven infielders and the rest of the team must occupy the outfield. Defense must rotate the pitcher position every inning.
8. Infielders must stay in normal baseball positions with the exception of the catcher. For example, the pitcher cannot be closer than 30 feet from home plate.
9. Coaches are allowed in the outfield but they must not interfere with play of the game.
10. Batting team must provide adults to be the first and third base coaches as well as place the ball on the tee for each batter. The coach may pitch to an individual batter based on their demonstrated ability to hit the ball at practice. Each batter will be given three pitches/chances to hit the ball then the tee must be used. Children who cannot hit a pitched ball at practice should only use the tee during games.
11. All team members must be on the batting line up. Every player bats every inning.
12. No on deck batters.
13. There are no strikeouts.
14. No throwing bats. A thrown bat is an automatic out.
15. The last batter in the lineup continues to run to all bases until tagged out or a defensive player with the ball steps on home plate. (Coaches should let the defense know when the last batter is up to bat.)
16. Bases are approximately 45 feet apart.
17. No leading off or stealing any base.
18. Sliding is not allowed.
19. Players may not advance to the next base on an overthrow.
20. Base runners must stop when the ball is under control in the infield.
21. A base runner hit by a batted ball is out.
22. All base runners called out may not continue to run the bases