



## NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS

### RULES

# BASEBALL: PITCH & TEE: 5-6 YEAR-OLDS

*Applies to both practices and games.*

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1. Team rosters will have a minimum of seven players and a maximum of fourteen players. No team is allowed more or less without approval by NYS.
2. The home team is listed first on the schedule and will occupy the third base side and dugout.
3. Games are one hour or four innings, whichever is completed first.
4. No forfeits.
5. No official score will be kept.
6. The supplied NYS jersey and hat or an approved jersey and hat must be worn during the game. No exceptions!
7. Helmets are provided and required during the game.
8. Metal cleats, open toed shoes, or jewelry are not to be worn.
9. 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 positions.
10. A maximum of two Parents and Coaches from each team are allowed in the field but they must not interfere with play of the game.
11. Pitcher's mound is 25 - 30 feet from home plate. Teams may pitch from slightly farther or closer, but please check with the NYS umpire or site coordinator.
12. Each batter will receive THREE pitches. After the three pitches if the batter does not get a hit the child will hit from the tee.
13. All team members must be on the batting line up. Every player bats every inning.
14. No throwing bats. For safety please have a coach at home plate with the batters.
15. Outs are enforced, but an inning does not end until every player on the team gets the opportunity to hit. Meaning, any given inning could have more than three outs. The last batter of the inning can continue to round all the bases until he/she is tagged out or scores!
16. Bases are approximately 45 feet apart.
17. No leading off or stealing any base. No advancing bases on over throws.
18. Sliding is not allowed at this age level for safety reasons.
19. Base runners can advance to any base on a hit that occurs from a pitched ball, but once the ball is in control and in the infield the runner must stop. On a hit off the tee, all base runners can only advance one base.
20. A base runner hit by a batted ball is out.
21. All base runners called out will return to the dugout.