

Fordyce Youth Baseball & Softball League

6U Division Rules & Regulations

Age: Players must have reached four years old on or before March 31 of the current year.

Batting:

1. All batters will be given 3 chances to hit the ball from a batting tee. The tee should be adjusted to such a height that the batter will be able to swing level.
2. All players present for the game shall bat in the batting order, whether playing defensively or not.
3. There is no bunting.
4. When the ball is hit, it must travel at least 10 feet which is shown by an arc drawn from foul line to foul line. A batted ball that does not travel 10 feet is considered a foul ball.
5. If the batter hits part of the ball and part of the rubber batting tee, it is a fair ball provided it goes past the 10-foot arc.
6. If the batter completely misses the ball on each of three swings, it is considered a strike out. (This includes if the batter only hits the tee.)
7. Batting helmets must be used by batters and base runners. Facemask may be worn at the discretion of the batter.
8. If a batter slings the bat, a warning will be given to the team at bat. Any player who slings their bat after the warning will be called out immediately. No runners will advance. The umpire will be the sole judge of whether the bat was slung or dropped. This is NOT an appeal play.
9. No stealing or leading off permitted.
10. An inning is over when 5 runs are scored or three outs are made, whichever comes first.

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Fielding

1. There shall be no more than five (5) defensive players in the infield area of play. All other players will be on the grass.
2. Each player must play two innings defensively.
3. Players cannot enter the 10-foot arc to get a playable ball. Umpire will give one warning then all other entries into the 10-foot arc will cause the ball to be dead and runners will advance one base.
4. Play stops when the lead runner is stopped and time is called by the umpire or when any player has control of the ball with one foot in the pitcher's circle.
5. On a hit ball, the defensive player **must throw** the ball to first base (no tagging the batter or base). Exception: If the ball is hit to the first baseman, then they may tag the base.
6. There may be no more than three (3) defensive coaches on the field at a time. Only one (1) defensive coach may be stationed in the infield behind the pitcher's circle. The other two (2) shall be in the grass. Defensive coaches must make an attempt to get out of the way of any play.
7. For safety purposes, all infielders must be at or behind the back of the chalked line that is 46' from home plate during the time the batter is batting. Once the ball is batted, players may move freely to make plays.