

Effingham County Recreation and Sports Management

2021

6U Boys and Girls Rules

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Purpose: To give young players a chance to learn the basic fundamentals of the game. We will keep score, but we will not recognize a champion. Everyone will receive a participation award.

Defense: All players will play defense –5 players in the infield (pitcher, 1st baseman, 2nd baseman, 3rd basemen & shortstop –**players beyond the 5 listed above will play in the outfield at least 10 feet behind the bases. NO EXCEPTIONS**

1. Control Date:

Girls: Cannot be 7 before September 1, 2021

Boys: Cannot be 7 before September 1, 2021

2. Pitching Distance :

Girls: 30 feet – (No exception except first two games maybe 25 feet).

Boys: 35 feet – (No exception except first two games maybe 30 feet).

3. Base Distance:

Girls & Boys: 55 feet

4. Pitching:

Coach will pitch to batter at all times from pitching distance listed in No. 2. Use the pitching machine. Coaches can use a combination of pitching machine or coach pitch.

4A. Pitching Machine Speed:

Girls – 30 feet – speed 27-29 mph

Boys – 35 feet – speed 31-32 mph

5. Time Limit:

Girls and Boys: 1 hour 10 minutes or 3 innings whichever comes first.

6. Bats:

Wooden or aluminum bats will be allowed. Tee Ball bats are allowed.

7. Batting Order:

We will bat 7 players per team every inning. 2nd inning you will start with player no.8 and go until the end, then start over with the 1st batter.

8. 5th Pitch Foul:

If a batter fouls off the 5th pitch – then the batter is allowed 1 extra pitch (No more than six pitches under any circumstances.)

9. Outs per Inning:

Seven players will bat, you could get no outs or you could get seven outs.

10. Slings the Bat: No slinging the bat. Two warnings per team then batter is called out. (Strictly Enforced)

11. Catcher's Position: Catcher is not required, but you can use one if you want. The catcher will be directly behind home plate, they will be located to the side. Coaches please help get the ball back to the pitcher. Please designate a coach to help retrieve the balls. ***NEW 2021***

12. 5 Pitches: Each batter will receive 5 pitches unless they swing and miss the ball 3 (three) times, then they will be declared out.

13. Base Runners:

1. Runner will be called out for missing the base or if they lead off before the ball is hit.
2. **Overthrows**
Runners can only advance one base (the base they are going to plus one more) on an overthrow, no matter what base the overthrow occurs at. Runners advance at their own risk.

14. Coaches on the field: Coaches will be allowed on the field. No more than four per team.

15. Lead Runner: Lead runner must be stopped for play to end.

16. Calling time out: Umpire has the authority to call time out when needed.

17. Bunting: No bunting allowed.

18. Base Stealing: No base stealing allowed. The runner cannot leave the base until the ball is hit.

19. Umpire: We will use only one umpire and they will stand behind the plate.

20: Starting the Game: If one or both teams are waiting on players to arrive, then the first team to get 6 or more players will be the home team no matter what the schedule reads. This only occurs if it is time to start the game.

21. Home Team: If the home team is waiting to get 6 players to start and the visiting team already has 6 or more players, then the visiting team will become the home team for the whole game.

***** The USA bat rule will not be enforced in this age group. HOWEVER, we STRONGLY recommend to six year olds who will be moving up next season. To buy a bat with the approved USA Baseball stamp on it.**