

Baseball/Softball 2010
Helpful Guidelines and/or Rules
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General Information: Teams will be required to wait 15 minutes for umpires and scorekeeper. **Only** the first game of the day will be allowed a 10 minute grace period.

1. For the first game of the day, the **Home** team is responsible for chalking up the field and laying out the bases (bases are located in the red storage container). Please return the line makers after marking field and return to storage container.
2. The **Visitor** team will be responsible for getting the water jugs for both the HOME and VISITOR teams, which includes filling with water and placing them in the dugouts.
3. The WINNING TEAM of the last game of the day is responsible to bring in the bases and the LOSING TEAM is responsible for picking up and emptying the water jugs. Both items are to be returned to the storage container and placed on the appropriate shelf (do not just throw anywhere).
4. Home and Visitor teams are annotated on the schedule. The Home team will sit in the dugout by the third baseline and the Visitor team will sit in the dugout by the first baseline.
5. Coaches are responsible for making sure the dugouts are cleaned following their game.
6. The Point System will be used, therefore, no overtime period during the regular season. The point system will be as follows: WIN = 3 points; TIE = 1 point; and a LOSS = 0 points
7. Official Line Ups:
 - a. Please submit 10 minutes prior to game time to assist the scorekeeper. **SCHEDULED GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME**
 - b. Must have **eight (8)** players to start a game.
 - c. When starting with **8** players, the 9th batter will be an automatic out. Scorekeeper will announce “the 9th batter should be at bat which is an **OUT.**” If one of the absent players arrives late, he/she will bat as the 9th position and no out will be issued.
 - d. Line ups must consist of Parish name, division, date and field playing on.
 - e. List all of all players on the official roster (an official roster consists of **11** players).
 - f. List players’ number, first initial, last name and position (**list only the positions for the 9 players starting the game**).
 - g. Absent, sick or injured players must be indicated at the bottom of the line up. If a player on the line up comes up to bat, and player is not present, it will be counted as an out. Once the lineup is turned in, it cannot be changed. Only changes./additions made to the lineup will be to annotate late players or injured.
8. Continuous Batting Order: All players in attendance must bat. This does not mean that the first nine (9) players on the field must be listed first. The defensive players will be identified by their playing position.

9. Substitutions. Only submit numbers for numbers when reporting changes – do not give position or player’s name. The only time a position is reported is when there is a pitching change.

- a. Sub changes should be submitted between innings through the fence and not during playing time.
- b. Players may be subbed for and/or changed in any position on the field, but must remain in the same batting order (changing the batting order constitutes forfeiture of game).
- c. Make certain that you indicate when the player enters the game; i.e. T/3; B/3; DB/4 beside the player’s name. Place a check mark () at the bottom beside sub’s name and also note when sub entered the game. This is a double check for player participation.
- d. CYO player participation rules states that every player **must play one complete defensive game every other game that the player is present.** See example below.
- e. Substitutions will be allowed as explained in the following:
*Example: If a team has 12 total players on the roster and all are present for the game, you may play 6 starting defensive players the entire game and substitute three starting defensive players with the three bench players. Those players that were removed from the defense and those players substituted into the defense, **MUST** play one complete (start to finish) defensive game the next time they are in attendance. You may also opt to play only the nine players for the complete game, but those players that did not play the complete defensive game **MUST** play one complete (start to finish) defensive game the next time they are in attendance*
- f. Injured Player. Due to a continuous batting order, if a player is injured during the game, either on the offense or defense, the injured player will be declared “Out” at the next turn at bat. Once a player is declared sick or injured, he/she can no longer enter the game, and will be counted as an OUT each time they come up to bat.

10. Re-entry. CYO rule states that only the original 9 players may re-enter the game provided, the player goes to the original batting order. Re-entry in the wrong batting order warrants forfeiture of game for team in violation.

11. Pitchers. Pitching changes must always be reported to the scorekeeper and noted in the scoresheet for proper credit. One (1) pitch constitutes one complete inning, i.e., if a pitcher pitches one ball to a batter and is removed, he will be charged for one complete inning. In CYO rules for baseball, this means that the pitcher must have 36 hours rest before pitching again. If he does, he is in violation of the pitching rule. If the change occurs during an inning, both pitchers will be given credit for one inning. In the case where a coach does not report a pitching change, the scorekeeper should note it at the time he/she discovers it: *Example: Joe Bank DB/4-change not reported)*

12. Charged Conferences.

- a. Baseball (NBC). Two (2) trips to the same pitcher within one inning constitutes removal of the pitcher; 3 trips to the same pitcher within the game constitutes removal of the pitcher for the rest of the game.
- b. Softball (NFHS). Two (2) trips to the same pitcher within one inning constitutes removal of the pitcher.
- c. Make certain that you record all trips to the mound on the score sheet.

*Example: TRIPS
1 - #5 DT/3*

NOTE: If an umpire or the opposing team calls for time, the coach may visit with the pitcher without being charged a trip, provided he finishes before the opposing team's time out is completed (baseball and softball)

- d. **Offensive Conferences.** In both baseball and softball, the rule is that a coach/manager is limited to only one conference to any player per inning. Penalty for violation of this rule is eviction of coach/manager who insists on another charged conference.

13. **Hit by Pitch.** (Boys only) **CHANGE** - Pitcher must be removed if he hits three (3) batters within one inning or four (4) per game.

14. When playing with (nine) 9 players, if a player is ejected, the game is forfeited. The only time that a game may continue with less than 8 players is due to injuries. However, when the injured player(s) should be at bat, it is an automatic out. Inform the umpire. Once a player is declared sick or injured, he/she can no longer enter the game

- a. In the case where all of the subs have entered the game and an injury occurs, unless the injured player is a sub whereas the re-entry rule applies, the team must continue to play with 8 players.

15. 10-Run Rule applies in the T-Ball thru Mite division after 2 ½ or 3 innings if the home team is losing; Cubs at 3 ½ or 4 innings. This will apply only after all players in attendance have batted at least once.

16. The RUN RULE will be enforced per division as stated in the CYO HandBook.

17. Regulation Game. If 3 complete innings have been played in the Tots-Mites; 4 innings in the Cubs. *Example. Pee Wees play 2 ½ innings if the home team is ahead. If the home team is behind, must bat to complete inning.*

- a. **Rain Out and/or Rescheduled Games.** Parish Ads will be notified for rain outs. The zone will request web site (www.zone4cyo.com) to be updated as soon as possible. Check Concession Stand Bulletin Board for rescheduled games. Rain outs games will be replayed only if it is not a regulation game at the time the game is called.

18. Batting Out of Order Situations.

- a. Scorekeeper will keep the balls and strikes on numbers only.
- b. If a batting-out-of order situation occurs, the scorekeeper is not permitted to say anything.
- c. It is up to the opposing coaches to catch it, call time out, or notify the umpire. The umpire in turn will ask the scorekeeper who the legal batter should be. The time must be called prior to the next pitched ball to the next batter in order to have any bearing on the situation. Otherwise, the correct batter will take the current count.

19. Delay of Game. A time limit is enforced during the season. Therefore, it is important that the game not be delayed due to infraction and/or interpretation of the rule questions. Use judgment, if this and the time is lapsing, ask for the umpire if the game is to continue playing under protest. Record the infraction and time of infraction on the scoresheet. Announce to the crowd and both teams that the game is being played under protest. Immediately following the game, a \$25 protest fee must be paid. If the decision is in favor of the team protesting, the \$25

fee will be returned. If the protest is lost by the protesting team, the protest fee will not be returned.

20. New Rule Changes

- a. Softball. Tiny Girls NEW BALL introduced for tiny girls **Rif Lvl 1 – 11.**” Facemask required on all helmets; only allowed 6 pitches
- b. Baseball. 1st and 2nd Yr Tinys only allowed 6 pitches
- c. 1st yr PeeWee Boys **CANNOT** take a lead off the bases. A pitched ball must cross homeplate before leading off the base, penalty – runner is out. Third-strike rule not in effect. No baulks will be called.
- d. 1st and 2nd T-Ball
 - (1) 9 players on the field during defense.
 - (2) No Defense Coach on the field (1st TBall will be allowed a defensive coach only through Apr 25th)
 - (3) Coach is allowed to adjust Tee and player **ONLY ONE TIME.**

21. TEXAS T-Ball

- a. Home Team will provide Tee Stand and ball.
- a. Defense- All players on the field.
- c. Coach is allowed to adjust Tee and player one time.
- e. One Defensive Coach on the field, shall be positioned behind 2nd base.
- f. If a player refuses to bat, player will NOT be counted as an out – as long as there are nine players that will bat. For example – if a team has 12 players, up to three players will be allowed not to bat. Only those players will be given a waiver from batting. An out will be counted beginning with the fourth player refusing to bat. Once a player has refused to bat, he/she may bat if they want to.

22. Coaches Pitch

- a. Runner must remain on bases until the ball is hit. Penalty: runner is out.
- b. Each batter will receive a maximum of 6 pitches. The batter is out if; 3 strikes are called (batter must swing and miss for a strike to be call) or does not hit a fair ball in the 6 pitches. Foul balls count as strikes.
- c. There are no walks. If a pitch hits a batter, a base will not be rewarded. The infield fly rule is not in effect.

24. Only four (4) adults with proper, coaches’ ID will be allowed in the dugout. All others will be asked to sit in the stands. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

25. Coaches please be responsible for the conduct of your spectators. **CYO RULE: Coaches, players, and parents address players of your team ONLY.** One warning. Repeat violation will result in removal of offender from game. Any coach, player or spectator ejected from a game is automatically suspended. A hearing shall be held as soon as possible to determine the status for the ejected individual. Anyone ejected must leave the entire **CYO facilities.**

- a. Loud Horns or Noise Makers will NOT be allowed in the spectator stands or around any playing field. Violators will be asked to put away any noise makers.

26 . **No Outside Food or Drinks, nor Ice Chests** are allowed in the complex. Sodas or snacks provided for the players must be given outside Don Bosco Complex or obtained from the concession Stand. Anyone caught bringing in outside snacks or drinks will be penalized - **\$25 FINE. Reminder: Alcoholic Beverages are not permitted at CYO facilities.**

27. There is a two-week grace period (need by Apr 23). .

28. **MAIN PARKING LOT:** The main parking lot for spectators is the area between the main complex and behind Flores Field. No spectators are allowed to park near the batting cage or between Wing and Ramirez Fields. These areas are reserved for Zone Officials **ONLY**.

29. **HANDICAP PARKING.** The Area (between Guerrero and Ramirez Fields) is reserved for Handicapped Persons **ONLY**. Please relay this information to your parents and

30. **PAVILION/GROUNDS.** Please help us to keep DON BOSCO clean by reminding our players and parents to pick up after themselves. We have a big problem keeping them clean.

31. Admissions – \$2.00 per car.