

Lumpkin County Parks and Recreation Department



8U Baseball Rules

- Games will consist of 6 innings. The time limit is 1 hour and 15 min. No new inning can be started with 5 minutes or less.
- Three outs per inning or a SEVEN run limit
- Coach will pitch to the batters. If pitch is illegal it will be called a dead ball and counted against the batter as one of the five pitches
 - There will be a twenty foot arc in front of home plate. The ball must be on or past this line to be a fair ball. (otherwise it is considered foul)
 - Pitching mound will be at 46 feet with a 10 foot, in diameter, circle
 - A pitching line will be drawn from the 20 foot arc to the front of the 10 foot circle. The coach may pitch from any distance along this line.
- There is no infield fly rule.**
- Each batter will be allowed 5 pitches. 3 strikes will constitute an out. If the 5th pitch is fouled off, the batter will continue hitting.
- Bat size: Any Dizzy Dean approved bat.
- Each team is required to have a catcher wearing a catcher's helmet.
- Bases will be 60ft. apart
- Base runners must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit. Player will be called out if there is an infraction of the rule.
- Base coaches will not be allowed to touch the base runners while play is in progress.
- Coaches must remain in the coaches box at all times while the game is in progress
- Scorebooks will be provided to each team. The home team will be the official book. Visitors will keep the scoreboard.
- Every child must play 2 innings on defense by the 4th inning. Free defensive substitution after the 4th.
- A team will be allowed to play with 10 players (4 must be positioned in the outfield). A team can play with as few as 8 players without taking an out. Seven or less players constitute a forfeit.
- Each team will bat a continuous line-up of all players who show up for the game, with the exception of a player who cannot or will not participate because of injury or other reason.
- Any child that comes in late will at least play half the required minimum. See new participation rules.
- Rule books will be provided.**
- Coaches are responsible for making sure that all rules are followed.
- The tie breaker rule will be used if a game is tied at the end of regulation play or time limit. Visiting team will start the new inning with a base runner on 2nd base and **2 outs**. The base runner will be the last batter from the previous inning. The home team will do the same in the bottom half of the inning. This procedure will be followed in each inning until a winner is determined.
- Only 1 base allowed on a throwing error or errant throw.
- If the ball is thrown back toward the pitching circle, it is a dead ball.
- Championship is determined by the following:
 - Overall season record.
 - Head to head record.
 - Championship game if tie occurs.