SYB Game Rules 2024 Season

**(T-Ball):**

**Defensive Rules:** (violations will result in verbal warnings and stopping games to assist when needed)

* 6 defensive positions (P, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, OF). If 8 players are present then 3 OF positions will be used. No one sits on the bench. No Catcher in T ball.
* A player cannot play the same position more than 1 inning in a game.
* Players can be out via normal baseball rules. Players who are out will leave the field.
* # of outs will not be tracked. Every player hits each inning and the inning is over when the last player hits.

**Offensive Rules:**

* All players in the dugout must wear a helmet when the hitting team is up if there are enough helmets.
* Every player hits every inning.
* No strikeout. Every hitter will put the ball in play.
* If out at a base the player leaves the field
* Must use USA certified bat
* After 5 swing and misses the coach can assist with the swing.

**Game Play:**

* 6 inning games or a 1 hour time limit on games from the 1st batter. No new inning after 1 hour.
* No outs kept.
* No score will be kept.

**Playing Time:**

* Every player plays defensively and never more than 1 inning at any position. If multiple OF positions each position counts separately.
* Every player hits once each inning.

**Machine Pitch:**

**Defensive Rules:** (violations will result in verbal warnings and stopping games to assist when needed)

* 6 defensive positions (P, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, C). If more than 6 players are present then OF positions will be utilized. No one sits on the bench unless there are more than 10 players present. If 10 players use 4 outfielders.
* A player cannot play the same position more than 2 innings in a game.
* Players can be out via normal baseball rules. Players who are out will leave the field.
* 3 outs and the inning is over and we switch to hitting.

**Offensive Rules:**

* All players in the dugout must wear a helmet when the hitting team is up if there are enough helmets.
* We have a continuous batting order. Wherever we left off will hit the next inning.
* A player will get 5 pitches to put the ball in play. Balls that are fouled off at 5 and after will continue to hit until they either put the ball in play or swing and miss or don’t swing.
* If out at a base the player leaves the field. At 3 outs you go and play defense
* Must use USA certified bat

**Game Play:**

* 6 inning games or a 1.5 hour time limit on games from the 1st batter. No new inning after 1.5 hours.
* 3 outs in an inning
* 5 runs max per inning except in the last inning where we play until 3 outs.
* Score will be kept but no standings will be published. No official post season tourney. Teams will play an extra game with a similar level opponent.

**Playing Time:**

* Every player plays defensively and never more than 2 innings at any position. If multiple OF positions each position counts separately.

**Farm “Kid Pitch”:**

**Defensive Rules:** (violations will result in verbal warnings and stopping games to assist when needed)

* 9 defensive positions. Regular baseball positions.
* A player cannot play the same position more than 2 innings in a game.
* Every player must play at least 2 innings in the IF.
* No player can sit on the bench for more than 1 inning.
* Players can be out via normal baseball rules.
* 3 outs and the inning is over and we switch to hitting.

**Offensive Rules:**

* Any player not in the dugout must have a helmet on.
* We have a continuous batting order. Wherever we left off will hit the next inning.
* Players will have a normal at bat with balls and strikes. If they strike out they are out. If they walk a coach from their team will pitch to them. See below for more info…
* If out at a base the player leaves the field. At 3 outs you go and play defense
* Must use USA certified bat

**Game Play:**

* 6 inning games or a 2 hour time limit on games from the 1st batter. No new inning after 2 hours.
* 3 outs in an inning
* Must have 7 players to start a game.
* 5 runs max per inning except in the last inning where we play until 3 outs.
* Score will be kept and standings will be kept on the website.
* Baserunning:
	+ No leading off on the bases. Players may steal a base after the ball passes home plate. Players cannot steal off of a coach pitching.
	+ Once the pitcher has the ball the play is dead. If the runner hasn’t started running to the next base they have to go back to previous base.
	+ Runners can only try to “steal home” if the pitched ball has gotten past the catcher. Once the catcher has the ball if the runner hasn’t taken off for home they have to go back to 3B. They can’t leave as the catcher throws back to the pitcher.
	+ Players can’t advance on an overthrow from the catcher to pitcher but can on an overthrow from other positions.
* Coaches can warm-up pitchers
* There is no “dropped 3rd strike” rule.
* PITCHING RULES: (Pitchers exempt from inning rule. Catchers can play a max of 4 innings at C)
	+ If the pitcher walks a batter (4 balls) then the hitting team has a coach who comes into pitch. The max amount of pitches will be 3 from a coach. If there are 2 strikes and the coach gets another strike the batter is out. If after the 3rd pitch the batter hasn’t hit the ball the batter is out. If the 3rd pitch is a foul they get to keep hitting until they don’t make contact.
	+ Pitch Count Rules:
	+ 50 pitches max. If a batter starts with 49 pitches the pitcher can finish that batter.
	+ No pitcher can pitch more than 2 innings in a game. 1 pitch = 1 inning.
	+ Pitcher Rest Days
		- 0-20 (no days rest), 21-35 (1-day rest), 36-50 (2-days rest)

**Playing Time:**

* Continuous batting order
* No more than 2 innings at one position. No player can sit on the bench more than one inning.

**Softball:** TBD- From 5th grade and up we will work on finding a SB league. Girls will also be able to play baseball through 8th grade if they prefer or if SB isn’t offered. We will help to find other local SB options for 5th grade and above if we don’t offer SB

**Bronco:** (11-12 year olds). Most likely will be with Maltby Pony. 11 year olds could also play local Kid Pitch if evaluation warrants. Typical Bronco Rules <https://www.pony.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1099271>

**Pony:** (13-14 year olds). Most likely will be with Maltby Pony. Typical Pony Rules <https://www.pony.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1025872>