



## RED BERRY'S BASEBALL WORLD

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### OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE RULES

*(Parents please review these with your ball player)*

#### HUSTLERS

1. Players must be in complete uniform to participate in games.
2. Players should report promptly at 4:00 p.m. weekdays (11:30 a.m. Saturdays).  
If there is a threat of rain, please call at 3:30 p.m. weekdays (11:00 a.m. Saturdays). There will be NO make-ups of rained-out games.
3. Games are 6 innings in length, except:
  - a. For weekday games, no new inning will begin after 6:00 p.m.
  - b. On Saturdays, no new inning will begin after 1:30 p.m.
  - c. Ties will count as half game won, half game lost.
  - d. At the end of three innings, teams will have a 10 minute break (Week days only).
  - e. We will play three outs.
  - f. Rain-out Rule: Two complete innings constitutes an official game.
4. The *veteran* coach will be the official scorekeeper. Scores will be announced every half inning. The *defensive* coach will be the umpire.
5. The offensive coach will signal foul or good ball, when the ball is hit down the first or third base lines.
6. Players and coaches will rotate pitching. Coaches will pitch weekday games; players will pitch Saturdays. Red Berry will determine the pitching rotation.
7. The pitcher will not be allowed to pitch more than three innings in a row. Once the pitcher is removed, he may not return in the same game as a pitcher. A pitcher that walks **three** in one inning will be removed, the next pitcher will complete that same inning. A hit batsman counts as a walk.
8. No leads off the bases are allowed.
9. Players may steal when the ball reaches home plate.
10. Player leaving base before the ball reaches home plate will be called out.
11. Batters cannot run on a missed third strike.

12. Unlimited bunting is allowed (*except with two strikes*)
13. Players **cannot** score from third base on a passed ball. However, they can score from third base if the pitcher misses or drops the ball. The batter must vacate the batter's box. If not, the batter will be called out for interference, and the base runner will be returned to third base.
14. Base runners are to avoid collisions on the base path. They must slide or they will be called out. They must keep their helmets on at all times. If the player takes his helmet off on the base path, the player will be called out.
15. After a team **slide warning** players (on team with the warning) will be called out if they fail to slide.
16. Ten players will be positioned on the field (four outfielders). The remaining player(s) will be designated hitter(s) for only one inning.
17. All players will hit in their assigned batting order. Batting orders are separated in two roster parts and are rotated every game. Player's arriving late will be positioned at the bottom of the batting order.
18. The next inning's pitcher will warm up at the pitchers' training wall (Saturday's only). He will throw no more than 15 warm up pitches at the wall.
19. Positions in the field will be determined by what the coaches feel the player can handle. **Pitchers, catchers, and first basemen** are the coach's designated skill positions. Players will rotate between outfield, third base, shortstop, and second base positions.
20. Catchers will wear full equipment. Catchers must keep masks on at all times, except when attempting to catch pop-ups.
21. Players must try to avoid an inside pitch. Failure to do so will result in a ball being called by defensive coach (umpire).
22. The Infield Fly Rule will **NOT** be in effect.
23. If a player is not prepared to hit, he will be skipped.
24. There will be no playoff games at the end of the season.
25. Any ball stuck in the fence will be played if the defensive player can dislodge the ball with normal effort. If the ball remains lodged in the fence despite the defensive player's effort to remove it, each base runner will advance one base.
26. Teams must have a minimum of *five* players in attendance for a game to be official. There will be a twenty minute waiting period before a forfeit is called.

27. A batter throwing the bat while swinging will receive a warning. The hit will not count and the batter will bat again. The next time the bat is thrown during the same game the same batter will be called out each time.
28. Parents may NOT talk to or call the names out of players during the games.
29. When the regular season begins a player missing practice without a parent call will not be allowed to play in the following game
30. Red Berry (League Commissioner) will make final decisions on any unclear game situation.

