



RED BERRY'S BASEBALL WORLD

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OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE RULES

(Parents please review these with your ball player)

ROOKIES

1. Players must be in complete uniform to participate in games.
2. Players should report promptly at 4:00 p.m. weekdays (9:00 a.m. Saturdays).
If there is a threat of rain, please call at 3:30 p.m. weekdays, (8:30 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 11:00 a.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.
 - e. Rain-out Rule: Two complete innings constitutes an official game.
 - f. There will be no play-off games at the end of the season.
4. The *veteran* coach will be the official scorekeeper. Scores will be announced every half inning.
5. The *defensive* coach will pitch and serve as umpire. The offensive coach will signal foul or good ball, when the ball is hit down the first or third base line.
6. **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.**
7. The batter will be allowed **six** pitches to put the ball in play. After the sixth pitch the batter will be called out (Foul balls included).
8. Six batters or three outs, whichever comes first, constitute a change of sides. The sixth batter is equivalent to a two-out situation. When there is a play at home plate, catchers *must* attempt to tag the runner. On the other hand if there is no play at home plate, the defensive coach will say "*switch sides*".
9. Eleven players will be positioned on the field. The remaining player will be Designated Hitter for only one inning.
10. Defensive players are required to throw the ball. Baseball is a team game. No running with the ball is permitted. If running with the ball occurs, the base runner will be awarded the next base.
11. Catchers will wear full equipment.
12. No leads off the bases are allowed by the players; no stealing. A player off the base before the ball is hit will be called out.

13. Defensive positions are rotated every inning, with the possible exceptions of the first baseman, pitcher and catcher.
14. The **first baseman, pitcher and catcher** are the coach's designated skills positions.
15. Base runners who miss the base will be called out by either coach.
16. A batted ball that hits the coach/pitcher results in a dead ball. The batter receives a single and all based runners advance one base.
17. With time permitting the visiting team (up first) will bat in the top of the final inning, even if they can't tie up the score. The home team will not bat in the bottom of the final inning, if they are ahead. The home team if behind will bat in the bottom half of the final inning even if they cannot mathematically win.
18. There will be no special playoff games at the end of the season.
19. Base runners are to avoid collisions on the base path. They must slide or they will be called out.
20. After a team slide warning, players (on team with the warning) will be called out if they fail to slide.
21. Unlimited Bunting is allowed .
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. 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 by the **same** batter with the warning, he will be called out each time.
25. When the regular season begins, a player missing practice without a parent call in will **NOT** be allowed to play in the following game.
26. Parents may **NOT** talk to or call the names out of players during the games.
27. Red Berry (League Commissioner) will make final decisions on any unclear game situation.

