

## **Tournament rules for 6 year olds baseball NC District 5**

1. Only ten players on the field, with four players in the outfield and six in the infield.
2. There will be one circle 30 ft from home plate. It should be 10 foot in diameter.
3. The pitcher must have at least one foot in the pitching circle when the ball is hit.
4. Each batter will get a maximum of six pitches or three swinging strikes with no walks. (Exception: foul ball on sixth pitch.
5. Stopping play: throwing the ball back to the pitcher player (adult coach must attempt to get out of the way) when he or she has both feet in the pitchers circle will stop the play or if players stop all runners forward progress. Once all forward progress of runners is stopped, play stops. Runners may not advance on a throw away ball to the pitcher after play is stopped. Cannot throw ball back to coach to stop play.
6. Bunting is not allowed.
7. No throwing of bats. First offense will be a warning: second offense by any player on the team will constitute that batter being called out. (Umpires judgment)
8. Sliding: players cannot slide into first base, only on a return to the base. Players cannot slide head first into any base, only on a return to the base. Players should be called out on first base.
9. Batted ball hitting pitching Coach results in a dead ball; batter and all runners on base will be awarded one base.
10. Ten-batter rule will be in effect of every game. Play is over when an out is made on any runner after the tenth batter has hit the ball or the pitcher has the ball and is completely in the circle.
11. Assume 2 out when the tenth batter hits. When the tenth batter hits the ball the pitching coach must leave the playing field.
12. No painted batting helmets allowed.
13. Mandatory play: All players present must play six defensive outs and bat once. All players not starting the game must enter the game at the top the third inning and meet minimum play requirements before being taken out.
14. Each game will consist of six innings or time limit of one hour and forty-five minutes. The inning you are in at one hour and forty-five minutes will be finished but no new inning can begin. (Exception: ties will be broken.)
15. Three coaches on the field on offense: Two base coaches and one pitching.
16. Two coaches on the field for defensive coaching (must be in outfield area only)
17. Conduct: Head coaches are responsible for all assistant coaches' players and parents' conduct during all games. Unsportsman like conduct will not be tolerated.
18. Team should be at the field thirty minutes before game time. Line up must be turned in to official scorekeeper fifteen minutes before game time.
19. Home team will be decided by the flip of a coin with winner of the flip choosing home or visitor or choice of dugout. Opposing team will get the other choice.
20. Each team shall supply a umpire for each game and 1 volunteer to run the score board or official score.