

2026

Brodhead League Summer Baseball 10U (3rd & 4th Grade) Rules

Game Days – Mondays and Thursdays. Times – 5:30 and 7:00, if your diamond has lights.

Game – 6 innings, no new inning may start after 6:45 and limited to 1:30. Game may end in a tie.

Field Dimensions – Pitching Mound 46 feet and Bases 60 feet.

Team – everyone will bat. Ten (10) players assigned to the field. A team may play with as few as 8 players.

Outfield – may play with 3 or 4 outfielders.

Pitching – 3 innings per day, 6 innings per week or *pitch count chart on next page.

Stealing – Home plate is CLOSED, with the exception of a batted ball or a walk.

*No leading off, runners may leave the base when the ball crosses home plate.

*A team may NOT steal, if winning by 6 runs or more.

*No advancing on a passed ball, with a 6-run lead or more.

*No advancing to home on any overthrow, including the throw back to the pitcher.

Dropped Third Strike – The batter is out. Runners may advance, except at home.

Bailing out – The basis of the rule is to not award a walk to a player who refuses to swing or backs out of the box.

We want to encourage swinging and not being scared of the pitch/ball.

When should a strike be called? If the pitch is being delivered and the batter starts backing out or ducking the ball, a strike should be called. The ball

must also be able to be caught by the catcher without the ball skipping in the dirt as well as staying in their crouch to receive the pitch. (i.e. if the catcher has to dive or jump for the ball, a ball is called.)

Bats – 2 1/4” and 2 5/8 USA or USSSA bats are legal. NO 2 3/4” (big barrels) are allowed.

Cleats – No metal cleats.

Sliding – If there is a play at the plate, and the defensive player is within the batter’s box, the runner must slide.

Mercy Rules – Maximum 6 runs an inning. 15 runs after 4 innings, 10 runs after 5 innings.

Free Defensive Substitutions – defensive players may be relocated or taken out and reentered, but a player’s position in the batting order, may not be changed after the game has started.

WIAA Rules – will be followed for any rule not covered.

A player may play up a division. A player may play down a division only if the team is short players, and must be approved by the opposing coach. A player playing down must play the outfield and bat at the bottom of the batting order.