



A Ball – Game Rules

2025 Commissioner

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- General Rules:

- All games will start at 6:00 pm and be 5 innings or will be played to an 80 minute time limit (7:20 for 6:00 games). You can finish the game after the 80 minutes but do not start a new inning.
- Games are played at:
 - Gaska Park in Rothschild (Military Rd and Volkman St)
 - Robinwood Park in Weston (Teagan Ln and Feith Ave)
 - Macmueler park Big Field
- Bat entire lineup, we are playing outs, so after 3 outs the half inning is over.
 - If you bat through the entire lineup, the inning is then over.
- The league will be coach pitch. Coaches should be at least 3/4 the distance between the plate and mound.
- If a batted ball strikes the coach pitching, it is declared a “dead ball” and the batter is awarded first base and any runner on base will advance one base.

- Hitting:

- Each batter will receive five (5) pitches. The coach pitching may declare up to 3 pitches “no pitch” during an at bat if the ball is not hittable and the batter does not swing, in which case the pitch will not count towards the batter’s 5 pitches. If the batter does not put the ball in play in 5 pitches, the batter is out, with the following exception. If the batter fouls the 5th pitch or successive pitches after the 5th pitch, he/she will continue to bat until the batter does not swing, swings and misses, or puts the ball in play.
 - For the first half of the season (5 games), if a player strikes out, have the player hit the ball off the tee and play the hit live.
- There are No walks
- Bunting is not permitted.
- Please make sure bats are stored on the inside side of the fence. Kids don’t need to grab a bat until it’s their turn.

- Have the kids line up in their batting order on the outside of the fence.
- Make sure kids keep their helmets on the entire time they are batting or on the bases.
- All players need to have their own helmet.
- There is no on deck circle, kids not batting should be behind the fence.

- **Base Running:**
 - Leading off and base stealing is NOT allowed at any time.
 - There is no advancing bases on a passed ball (catcher doesn't stop the ball that is pitched).

- **Fielding:**
 - Play 10 kids in the field. We will have catchers at this level. With 10 players, play in the field using this format: (C, P, 1st, 2nd, SS, 3rd, LF, LC, RC, RF). If you have more than 10 kids in attendance at a game, rotate the kids so no kid sits more than one inning defensively. If you end up with less than 10 players, remove one of the outfielders.
 - The goal at this age is to focus on knowing where to go with the ball for a force out and understanding their positions. This is the transition from T-ball where all the kids are fighting over the same ball to knowing when you need to cover a base and where to throw the ball. Understanding of infield dynamics is the main defensive strategy to be taught.
 - Alternate the kids at least each game with the positions they are playing. This is a developmental league, and we want to make sure kids are getting exposed to all positions at this age.

- **Equipment Storage Code:**
 - Gaska Park: 1976 (located on 1st base dugout)
 - Robinwood Park: 0328 (lock is on fence along the right field line, equipment is then in the middle room between the bathrooms)
 - Mayoral Park: 20351 (maintenance room between the bathrooms)