

2015 Class "D" Rules

1. All games start at 6:00 PM.
2. An official game is 5 innings. Any game called because of rain or darkness is official after 3-1/2 innings if the HOME team is winning. Otherwise, 4 complete innings must be played. If lightening occurs, games must be postponed immediately. No inning may be started after 1 hour and 45 minutes unless the game is tied.
3. Base distance is 60 feet. Pitching distance is 42 feet.
4. Stealing is permitted. Base runner's foot must remain on the base until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. The runner may be picked off base by a throw from the catcher. The runner may advance only one base per time on base. No stealing of home is permitted at any time.
5. The catcher is not required to catch the third strike for the out.
6. Bunting is allowed.
7. If time-out is called, the return throw to the pitcher is a dead ball and no base runners may advance.
8. No infield fly rule. The ball must be caught for the out.
9. 9 players will be permitted to play in the field at one time, 6 infielders and 3 outfielders. No forfeits will be called due to lack of players, unless agreed upon by coaches.
10. Free substitution is permitted to keep players interested.
11. The batting order will consist of all players on the team. The batting order will be maintained; no batters will be permitted to bat out of order.
12. One half-inning will consist of 3 outs or 10 batters.
13. All players must bat, unless they are injured. If a player refuses to bat, he is considered an out, and will be out for the remainder of the game. If a player is injured and cannot bat, he will not be considered an out. (Coaches call)
14. No intentional collision with any fielders is permitted. Players must slide or they will be called out.
15. No pitcher shall appear in more than 3 innings in any game. (One batter is one inning.)
16. If a batter is hit by a pitch, he will be awarded first base. A ball that hits the ground first then hits the batter will be considered a hit by pitch.
17. When the 10th batter of the half inning comes to bat the team at bat will be considered to have 2 outs.
18. Shorts are NOT allowed. Long pants (sweats, blue jeans, baseball pants, etc.) are required for player's safety. Keep shirts tucked in.
19. The batter must maintain control of the bat at the plate. The umpire will issue 1 warning to the team for a thrown bat. Any subsequent infraction for that team is an automatic out for the batter.
20. On a groundball or pop fly that remains in the infield, the batter or base runners may advance not more than 1 base.
21. On a ball hit to the outfield, the runners may advance until the ball is in the infield. If the infielder continues the play, runners may advance.
22. A manager has the right to discipline players by sitting them on the bench for the rest of a game.