

# 2024 Prairie League Rules - FINAL

## 1. Play:

- Every player bats.
- 10s – field a maximum 10 defensive players
- 12s – field maximum 9 defensive players
- At least 7 players to start the game

## 2. Time Limits:

- 10s – 1 game, 7 innings or 2 hours, whichever comes first
- 12s – 1 game, 7 innings or 2 hours 15 minutes, whichever comes first
- No inning may start after time-limit
- If home team is ahead at the bottom of the last inning, the home team will not bat
- International tie breaker rules will be used in the event of a tie-(last batter out in the previous inning will start the new inning at second base)
- 5 run max per ½ inning. The last agreed upon inning is open to unlimited scoring for both teams.

## 3. Pitching:

- 10s pitch from 35 feet
- 12s pitch from 40 feet
- 10s – no walks – if 4 ball count is reached; batter will be pitched to by a coach from their team (coaches may stand in front of the mound). Batter will get 3 strikes or will then be called out. A fouled third pitch is an out. Base stealing is not allowed during coach pitching. Batter cannot advance to first base on dropped third strike during coach pitch.
- The ball is dead when the pitcher has possession inside the pitching circle.

## 4. Stealing

- Base stealing is allowed after the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
- **If the catcher throws the ball to a base being stolen, if the result is not an out, the runner only gets the base they are stealing.**
- Stealing on a dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike is allowed.

## 5. Miscellaneous Rules

- **When a ball is overthrown, the runner only gets one base.**
- A thrown bat will result in the batter being called out; this is an umpire judgment call.
- The infield fly rule is in effect, this is an umpire judgment call.
- Coaches may have a designated runner for the pitcher or catcher with any number of outs in an inning. The player who made the last out or scored the last run will be the runner as decided by the batting team.
- Home plate is open. Runners can advance home on a live ball.
- The batter is allowed to advance to first base on dropped third strike if first base is open or there are two outs.
- When a pitched ball not swung at that touches any part of the batter the ball is dead and the batter is entitled to 1 base. It does not matter if the ball hits the ground first.
- Coaches should meet prior to the start of the game and may agree to alter rules if mutually agreed upon.