

JONESBORO BASEBALL BOOSTERS
2023 PLAYING RULES
9-10 YEAR OLD LIVE PITCH

CONCEPT OBJECTIVE

To make the game safer, more fun and interesting through hitting, fielding and running the bases from the kid's point of view.

RULES

Official Baseball Rules" as modified by "Babe Ruth League, Inc. Baseball Rules and Regulations" and further modified by these "Playing Rules" will be in effect.

BASES

Bases will be 60 feet apart with pitching rubber at 46 feet from home plate.

BATS

All non-wood bats must have the USABat marking and a maximum barrel size of 2 5/8". No BBCOR bats are permitted in the Cal Ripken division.

INFIELD PRACTICE

There shall be NO infield practice by either team before any game, including the pitchers warming up on the pitcher's mound.

SCOREKEEPING

The home team will be responsible for keeping the official book.

BATTING LINE-UPS

All players on the roster will be in the batting line-up the entire game. Head coaches will deliver one copy of their line-up to the opposing coach and official scorekeeper prior to the start of the game. Line-ups will include:batting order, fielding position, uniform number and substitutes. If a player arrives after the start of the game the player must be inserted at the bottom of the batting order and this addition must be communicated to umpires, opposing coach and both home and visitor scorekeepers.

LENGTH OF GAMES

Games will be 6 innings or 90 minutes in length, whichever comes first. No new inning may start after this time limit. Any inning started prior to 1 hour shall be completed unless the home team is ahead.

Tie games will not be extended past the above time and innings limits.

RUN RULE

Teams will be limited to 5 runs per inning. Upon scoring the limited number of runs, the umpire will declare side out. Any team leading by 15 or more runs after 3 innings or 10 or more runs after 4 innings shall be declared the winner.

ON DECK BATTER

The on deck batter will remain in the dugout until ready to bat. The batter following the on deck batter may also be in the dugout. All other players will be spaced outside the sideline fence as marked for appropriate distancing.

DEFENSIVE LINE-UP

Teams may freely insert defensive players into their line-up. If a team has 11 players, players must play defensively at least every other inning. If a team has 12 players available, players must play at least 2 defensive innings

PITCHERS

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Players may pitch two (2) consecutive innings per game. One (1) pitch thrown equals one (1) inning pitched. Coaches and umpires will monitor innings pitched on the field.

ADVANCING

Batters **MAY NOT** advance to first base on a dropped third strike. Runners **MAY NOT** advance to home on a passed ball or wild pitch. Runners **MAY NOT** advance passed first base on a walk. Runners must remain in contact with the base until the pitch has crossed home plate; then may advance at the risk of being thrown out. During stoppage of play, a defensive player may request "time" if runners are stopped and under control by the defense.

FAKE BUNT – SLASH BUNT

A batter is out for illegal action when the player fakes a bunt and then takes a full swing, thus eliminating a player from fake bunting (slap-hitting) the ball. Penalty: Batter is out, the ball is dead, no runners may advance.

TIME-OUT AND CONFERENCES

Only 1 conference will be allowed with each batter during that batters' time at bat. Coaches may not call time out to confer with base runners.

SLINGING A BAT

If a batter slings his bat, a warning will be given the team at bat. After one warning, any player on the warned team who slings his bat will be called out immediately. No runners may advance. The umpire will be the sole judge of whether the bat was slung or dropped. This is not an appeal play.

PLAYERS ATTIRE

All players shall be properly uniformed including cap, glove, and shoes. All batters and runners must wear helmets. **Helmet facemasks ARE required for this league.**

PLAYER QUITTING

In the event that a player quits a team, the head coach will notify the commissioner immediately so that the roster may be properly amended. Such players may return to their teams during the current year only with the permission of the head coach and the commissioner. They are eligible to return to the draft in subsequent year

CONDUCT

Players, coaches, sponsors, parents, and spectators shall conduct themselves according to the JBB Code of Ethics and Conduct. Head coaches shall be held accountable for the conduct of their team's players, assistant coaches and fans. Any unbecoming behavior shall at once disqualify the offender from any participation whatsoever until reinstated by the Board of Directors of the Jonesboro Baseball Boosters.

EJECTIONS

Any coach or spectator ejected shall leave the ball park for the remainder of that game and shall have a minimum one game suspension imposed and will not be allowed to attend the team's next game. Failure to leave in a timely manner will result in a forfeit. Any player that is ejected from a game will be disqualified for the remainder of that game and must sit on the bench in uniform the next game that his team plays. Failure to comply with the one game suspension will disqualify the player for the remainder of the season or until the penalty is satisfied.

OFFENSIVE CONTACT RULE

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If a runner attempting to reach any base intentionally and maliciously runs into a defensive player in the area of the base, he will be called out on the play and can be ejected from the game. The objective of this rule is to penalize the offensive team for deliberate, unwarranted, unsportsmanlike action by the runner for the obvious purpose of crashing the defensive player, rather than trying to reach the base. The umpire will be the sole judge of whether the player should be ejected. This is not an appeal play.

TOBACCO USE

There will be no tobacco use inside the fenced-in area of the playing field.