

Game Rules & Basics

Team & Game Setup:

1. Team Size:

- **Minimum:** 8 players on the field at all times.
- **Maximum:** 10 players allowed on the field, 5 can be on the bench

2. Game Length:

- Each game will consist of **6 innings** or a **55-minute time limit**, whichever comes first.
- **No new innings** will begin after **45 minutes** of play. If the game is tied after the time limit, it will end in a draw or be decided by a designated tiebreaker (e.g., a one-inning showdown).

3. Mercy Rule:

- If a team is ahead by **10 or more runs after 4 complete innings**, the game will be called, and the team in the lead will be declared the winner.

Kicking & Running:

4. Batting Order:

- The **batting order** must remain consistent throughout the game. Any changes to the order must be communicated to the umpire prior to the start of the game.

5. Kicking:

- Players must kick the ball from **behind home plate** to initiate play.
- **No bunting** is allowed—**kicks must travel past the pitcher's mound**. Any kick that doesn't meet this requirement will be considered a foul ball.

6. Base Running:

- **No leading off** or stealing bases is allowed. Runners may only leave the base **after the ball is kicked**.
- **Sliding is allowed at your own risk**—players must slide in a controlled manner to avoid injury or contact with other players.
- If a runner is **hit below the shoulders** by the ball while they are not on base, they will be called **out**.

- **Headshots:** If a kicked ball strikes a runner's head, they will be considered **safe** unless the runner intentionally ducks into the ball.

Fielding & Outs:

7. Pitching:

- The ball must be pitched **underhand** with minimal bounce.
- **No excessive spin** or overly fast pitching. The pitch should be in a fair range for the batter to strike.

8. Ways to Get Out:

- A kicked ball is **caught** before it touches the ground.
- A runner is **tagged** by the ball or hit by the ball while off base.
- A runner is **forced out** at any base when the ball is in possession of a player standing on the base.

Sportsmanship & Conduct:

9. Respect the Umpires:

- All players and coaches must respect the umpires at all times. **Umpire decisions are final**, and **no arguing** will be tolerated.
- The **team captain** is the only player allowed to approach the umpire for clarifications or discussions. Any team member other than the captain engaging with the umpire may result in a warning or penalty.

10. Keep it Fun:

- Friendly competition is encouraged, but **excessive trash talk** or unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated.
- The spirit of the game is to have fun, engage in friendly rivalry, and respect all players and officials.

Prohibited Conduct:

- **No drinking or smoking** is allowed on the field, in the dugouts, or any area designated for league activities.

Consequence for Poor Sportsmanship:

- **First Offense:** The player will be issued a verbal warning by the umpire or league official.

- **Second Offense:** The player will be ejected from the game. The team will play short-handed for the remainder of the game.
- **Third Offense:** The player will be suspended from the next scheduled game. A written notice of the suspension will be given to both the player and team captain.
- **Repeated Offenses:** If a player continues to display poor sportsmanship, they may be permanently banned from participating in the league at the discretion of the league officials.

Weather Policy:

- **Game cancellations due to weather will be determined by league officials.** If field conditions are deemed unsafe due to rain, lightning, or extreme weather, the game **will not be played**—no exceptions.
- **Lightning Rule:** If lightning is seen or thunder is heard, the game will be stopped immediately and **cannot resume for at least 30 minutes after the last observed lightning strike or thunderclap.** If conditions do not improve within the time limit, the game will be postponed or canceled.
- **Rain & Field Conditions:** Games will be canceled if excessive rain has made the field unplayable, even if it is not actively raining at game time. Standing water, muddy conditions, or other hazards will be taken into account.
- **Notification Process:**
 - Teams will be notified of game cancellations **as soon as possible.**
 - If a game is **canceled or stopped before 3 full innings** have been played, it will be **rescheduled.**
 - If a game has completed **3 or more innings before cancellation,** it will count as an official game.