

Medfield – 3rd Grade Spring Farm Baseball Rules

1. 9 players in the field at a time.
2. Regulation baseball will be used.
3. No player should sit on the bench for more than one inning consecutively. During the season, all players should play approximately the same number of innings in the field.
4. Players may be freely rotated in and out defensively by inning. (A player starting an inning in the field shall not be removed during the inning unless an injury occurs or by request of parent.)
5. Games are scheduled for 6 innings, with two hour time cap. No inning may start after 1 hour and 45 minutes of play.
6. There is no leading until the pitch has crossed home plate. Kids are encouraged to take a lead after the ball has crossed home plate.
7. Stealing is permitted, and runners can advance on a pass ball at the plate.
8. Kids can not advance home from 3rd base on a pass ball.
9. Runners can not advance an additional base if there is a overthrow by the catcher – this is to encourage catcher to make the play.
10. Runner may advance on an overthrow on a play in the field (only 1 base). This rule is not to be abused by coaches (e.g. sending kids on dropped balls at first, etc.). Coaches will keep each other in check
11. No bunting.
12. No infield fly rule or balks.
13. A player may only pitch 6 outs per game or 2 innings and no more than 6 innings per week (Monday thru Sunday). A pitcher may not return to the pitching position in a game once he has been removed from the pitching position.
14. A half inning is over after 3 outs or 5 runs, except in the last inning where there is no run limit.
15. 4 balls is a walk, 3 strikes is an out, catcher does not need to catch 3rd strike
16. Batters are encouraged to swing. Umpires strike zones may vary, but should generally adhere to over the plate between the shoulders and the high ankles.
17. During the regular season, if a game is tied after 6 innings, the game is over. Extra innings will be played in the playoffs.
18. All teams make the playoffs
19. All players bat in continuous order, regardless of their status in the field. All players must bat.
20. A player hit by a pitch while at bat will take the base.
21. Visitors bat first and take the dugout on the 3rd base side

22. Each team shall maintain a complete and accurate score sheet for the game.
23. All scores must be posted promptly on the website by the winning team.
24. For safety reasons, all pitchers must pitch from the rubber.
25. At least 7 players must be fielded for an official game. Opposing teams can lend players for a game; the team with less than 7 players will forfeit the game in the standings by a score of 1-0.
26. Players should be instructed not to throw bats or helmets at any time.
27. Batting helmets with cages must be worn at bat, on deck, and on the bases.
28. Bat swinging is only allowed when being instructed by a coach or at home plate. No unsupervised swinging in on deck circle or batting cages.
29. The home team is responsible for supplying 2 new balls and the umpire. Umpire may stand behind pitcher or behind catcher (if proper equipment is worn).
30. 1st and 3rd base coaches should only be coached by adults. No kids may act as base coaches.
31. All catchers are required to wear a plastic cup/athletic supporter.
32. All catchers must wear equipment including face mask in practice, games, or warm ups. No exceptions.
33. Bases, umpire equipment, and clickers are stored in the lock box at the fields. Please return the equipment at the end of each game (home team is responsible).