

HUNTER YOUTH RECREATION ASSOCIATION RULES

BOYS AND GIRLS T-BALL 6U

Field

- The pitching rubber to the back of the home plate is 38 ft.
- Bases are 60 ft.

Equipment

- Batting Tees will be supplied by HYRA.
- Each team will get 4 batting helmets supplied by HYRA.

Game

- The Home team shall be the official scorekeeper.
- A team will have a minimum of 8 players for a game (if less than 8 players then the game is a forfeit). Players can be picked up from Mini-Tee ONLY.
 - You may pick up for a full roster of 10, but 6 must be from original roster, or it will be a forfeit.
 - ****Subs MUST come from a lower age division and play the outfield and MUST bat the bottom of the lineup.****
- A play shall continue until the umpire calls "Time" initiated by an infielder. A 30-ft hash mark will indicate whether the runner advances to the next base or returns to the prior base when the umpire has determined there is "Time". "Time" may not be called by an outfielder.
- A team is permitted to bat each player in the lineup one time per inning. The lineup per inning will consist of the team with the least players, but all players must be in batting lineup and bat entire game.
- Games will consist of (4) innings or a 1:15 time limit. No new inning will start after 1 hour of play.
- A 12-run rule will apply after 2 complete innings.

Pitching

- The pitcher must keep one foot on the pitching rubber until the ball is hit. The outfielders must stay in the outfield grass until the ball is hit.
 - If a violation of the rule above occurs while the LAST BATTER is at bat, all the runners advance one base and the last batter bats over (with the same count as before hit). The offensive coach may waive this call and allow the play to stand.

Batting

- All players will get 5 swings to get the ball in fair play.
- For a ball to be in play, it must travel beyond the 20ft arc.
- A full swing must always be taken. An obvious half swing is a dead ball, and all runners return to their base.
- When the last batter in the lineup is about to hit, the offensive coach announces the situation to the umpire. The umpire will tell the team in the field and their coaches. Failure to announce the last batter will result in the batter being called out and any runs that scored when he/she batted will not count. The last batter creates an automatic 2-out situation. The half inning will be ended in one of three ways:



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- The batter hits the ball well enough that he/she reaches home before a play is made.
- The defensive team makes a play on a runner in the field once the ball is hit.
- When the home plate is touched.
- A player throwing the bat after hitting the ball will receive a team warning. Any player who throws a bat after a team warning is given, will be called out.

Base Running

- A runner may not leave the base until the ball is hit. If a runner leaves the base early, he/she will be called out. If this occurs, it is a dead ball situation, and all runners return to the base they occupied at the time of the rule infraction.

Defense

- Infielders cannot play in a position greater than 4 feet in front of their standard position however there is no limit laterally and can advance once the ball is hit.
- Catchers must stand in spots on either side of home plate until the ball is hit. They must always wear a batting helmet while catching.
- 4 outfielders are permitted.
- Plays by the pitcher to any base MUST be thrown, runner will not be out if pitcher runs the ball to the base.
 - Only exception – If the ball is hit in the direct direction of the base, the fielder may run and tag the base, runner, or hand-off. If the play is at home plate, the fielder may run and tag home or runner.
- If a ball is overthrown to first base, then it's considered a dead ball, and runners must stop at the next base from the base they started at when the ball was batted.

Coach

- There may be up to two defensive coaches on the field. While batting, two base coaches and one batting coach are recommended.



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