

Tupelo Parks and Recreation Department 7-8 League Rules 2008

Game Times & Innings Played

- A. A flip of a coin between the two managers will determine the home team.
- B. There will be a 1 hour time limit or 4 innings.
- C. Score will be kept. (3 outs or 6 runs per inning).
- D. Each team is responsible for keeping your own batting order. A scorebook will be provided to each coach/team to use.
- E. All batters will be allowed 5 swings or 10 pitches to hit the ball. (the batter can not foul out). **NO WALKS**
- F. The pitcher must be inside the circle when the pitch is thrown.

Playing Field

- A. Field: 60' Baselines and 46' pitching distance.
- B. There will be a fair ball arc in front of home plate. If the ball is not hit past the arc, this will be a foul ball.

Batting Order & Base Running

- A. A base runner can not leave the base until the ball is hit. (Stealing is NOT allowed).
- B. All players will play in the field with 4 or 5 outfielders. The 4th or 5th outfielder may not be allowed to assume an infield position. All outfielders must stay behind the baseline. (Free substitution on defense).
- C. The batting order shall constitute all players on the team roster at the beginning of the game. Late arrivals shall be inserted as the last batter.
- D. An inning is over when a team has made 3 outs in the field or all players in the lineup has batted. **(Strike outs count)**
- E. All batters and base runners must wear a batting helmet.

- F. The pitcher must be inside the pitching circle when the ball is put in play.
- G. No Bunting.
- H. Two defensive coaches will be allowed within the boundaries of the field of play.
- I. There can be three offensive coaches on the field of play. (Pitcher, first & third base coach)
- J. Infield fly rule does not apply.

Dead Ball

- A. Play is dead when the pitcher has control of the ball. (Pitcher is not making an attempt to throw the ball).
- B. On a line drive or fly ball caught by the defense, an out is awarded and all play is dead. (Runners must return to previous base).
- C. On a ground ball fielded by a player, the player may elect to attempt a play or hold the ball. On an attempted play resulting in an overthrown ball the batter / runner may advance one base only and the ball is dead. No additional attempts may be made.
- D. When the lead runner is forced back to a base then all play is dead.

The Tupelo Parks and Recreation Department and the Tupelo Youth Baseball Association prohibits the use of all tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco inside the fence area.