

<b>Ceres Youth Baseball Policies and Procedures</b>	
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2023 AMENDED RULES 6 and 7 year old boys

1. All games will be played in accordance with (A) 2023 Official Baseball Rulebook (B) the following amended rules. CYB will follow State Safety and PONY guidelines in regards to bats used, pitching rules, code of conduct, and concussion protocols.
2. Everyone will bat in continuous order. Ten players on the field (extra outfielder)
3. All players will play at least three innings in a six inning game. Open substitution is required, and all players will play on defense every other inning. A child cannot sit out on defense for more than 1 inning at a time, except for disciplinary actions that must be approved by the VP of Baseball prior to the game. Or if he/she is injured or chooses not to play.
4. The umpire via coin flip will determine who home team is and who the head coach is prior to each game. Only the head coach displaying his badge can dispute a call during the game. The rulebook must be in coach's possession (no rule book-no discussion). If the head coach doesn't have his badge he should let his assistant coach be designated as the head coach for this game or the umpires will not discuss a call with him.  
**Judgment calls cannot be disputed.**
5. A batter is automatically out if the bat is thrown, on the second offense. (One warning per team)
6. When the pitcher is in control of the ball with both feet inside the circle, the play is dead. At that time all base runners must return to the last base touched. If two runners are between the same bases, the front runner is awarded the next base.
7. The batter and all base runners must wear helmets with chinstraps. Metal cleats are not allowed.
8. Each team must have at least seven (7) players for the game to begin.
9. A complete game is six (6) innings or 1 hour and 45 minutes drop dead. However, no new inning will occur after 1 hour and 30 minutes. If drop dead occurs, we will revert to the last completed inning.

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10. There is a five (5) run limit per inning. The 6<sup>th</sup> inning is an open inning.
11. Both teams will report runs to the umpire each half inning. Umpire will maintain the game scorecard. Both coaches upon completion of the game must sign scorecard. Home team will maintain official scorebook, insure sponsor names are on the score sheet.

#### Coach Pitch

12. A batter will receive five pitches or three strikes. Fifth pitch can be fouled until the ball is hit fair or the batter strikes out.
13. Hurry up rule will be in effect meaning that the catcher can be replaced by a pinch runner at any time during the inning. The pinch runner will be the last BATTED out of the inning. The team on offense is responsible to make sure the correct player is used as the pinch runner. If another runner is used, and a pitch is thrown, then the runner will be called out & inning ended. The team on defense must inform the umpire of the error during that inning. If the team on defense does not catch the mistake till later in game, the outcome of that inning stands.
14. If a game is tied after six (6) innings, additional innings can be played up to (but not exceeding the time limit). The international tie rule breaker will be in effect. Runner on second with no outs. However, a game can end in a tie, and ties will count in the standings.
15. NO stealing or leading off  
Base runners leaving before a ball is hit, will be called out. (NO WARNING)
16. No metal jewelry should be worn, except for medical or religious reasons.
17. No infield before the game, players may warm up in the outfield and they may take grounders on the foul sideline.
18. No intentional contact (during close play), with a base runner will be allowed. At umpire's discretion the instigator can be called out, or thrown out, or cause umpire's call to be reversed.
19. The child playing in the pitcher position must have one foot in the circle and stay behind the pitching coach until the ball is released.
20. Pitching coach will throw to his/her own batters. Coach must pitch from rubber. At least one foot must touch the rubber at release of the ball.

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21. After the pitching coach has released the ball and the batter has hit the ball,
- A. Pitching coach must exit the playing area immediately in a manner that doesn't interfere with the play.
  - B. Pitching coach must attempt to avoid contact with the ball.
  - C. If a ball hits the pitching coach and the judgment of the umpire is the pitcher did not intentionally interfere with the ball, the ball is dead and the batter is awarded first base and base runners will be awarded one base if forced to move.
  - D. If ruled intentionally the ball is dead and the batter is out, runners return to base held at time of pitch.  
Failure to comply will lead to ejection of coach.
22. Infield fly rule will not be in effect.
23. You will be awarded one offensive and defensive time out per inning: this does not include umpires time outs.
24. If a coach is thrown out of a game for any reason, that coach will sit out the rest of that game and will not be allowed to coach in their next scheduled game. The coach may also be ejected if more than one parent is ejected during the game. The parent ejected must leave the ball park.
25. If a player is ejected from a game, it will be an automatic out in that inning, and every inning his turn comes up.
26. Any bat used must have the USA approved sticker or stamp.
27. Bunting will be allowed.
28. 10 run slaughter rule, if a team is leading by 10 or more after 4 innings the game is over. Open inning is the 6<sup>th</sup> inning.
29. No coach is allowed on the baseball field at any time with open toe shoes.
30. The head coach or the assistant coach must wear team shirt at all games.
31. Head first slides are not allowed at any base. For safety reasons, the runner will be called out if he/she does. No questions asked.
32. If coaches do not have their badges, they have 5 minutes to find a board member to stand in for the coach. If no board member can be found then the

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game will be forfeited by that team but the game will be played for the kid's sake without umpires.

33. Batting helmets must have chin straps on them at all times.
34. Only three (3) coaches may be on the field while on offense. All other times coaches must remain in the dugout.
35. If a player has to sit out due to injury then player will sit out at least ½ inning for evaluations.