

Manchester Baseball Association

5/6 Rules for the 2024 Season

This is an instructional league and as such won-loss records and standings will not be kept.

Teams will have one practice day per week (designated by the league) and one game per week (typically on Saturdays, unless makeup is needed due to inclement weather).

1 ½ hour time frame or four innings, whichever comes first.

All players must wear helmets while at bat and on base.

Six (6) pitches per batter before the tee is brought out. If the batter is consistently making contact but hitting fouls or the 6th pitch is a foul, then the batter gets additional pitches at the coach's discretion.

No walks.

No throwing of the bats. Remind them of the hazards of throwing the bat and as they get older they could be considered out for throwing the bat.

No outs for the 1st half of the season:

For the 1st half of the season we are not going to count outs, but we will explain to the children they would be out due to the resulting play and would have had to sit down.

For the 2nd half of the season outs will be recorded but all players on the team will bat once per inning.

If the ball is hit to the outfield the batter can attempt two bases for the entire season. (NO TRIPLES).

Sliding can be introduced but instruct the proper bases **2nd, 3rd and home ONLY!** For the safety of the players take action on those that slide into 1st base.

Teams will field ALL players and bat ALL players (those with more than ten, work it). Teams should field a standard infield (P, C, 1B, 2B, 3B, SS) with the remainder playing the outfield. Coaches should allow all players to play at least half the game in the infield. Coaches have to option to field a player as a catcher but should have a coach back them up/instruct them.

Three offensive coaches will be allowed on the field when their team is batting. This will consist of the pitcher and the coaches in the 1st and 3rd base coach's boxes.

Two defensive coaches will be allowed on the field when their team is in the field. They will stand in the outfield behind the children to keep them focused.

Defensive coaches are there to instruct the children, they should **NOT** touch or **STOP** the ball, let the children get it.

No child is to be dropped off at the fields. Carpooled players are to come and leave with an adult. None of us are a medical professional and will call 911 if medical attention is required.