

# Gwinnett Rec Sports (GRS) Rules

## T-Ball

All games at all Parks will be played in accordance with National Federation of High School (NFHS) rules unless otherwise modified by the following rules.

Any player whose 5th birthday falls before May 1st of the current year and any player whose 7th birthday falls on or after May 1st of the current year is eligible to compete and complete the current TB-GRS League baseball season.

### TB 1. Game Times and Scoring

- A. 5 inning games
- B. Time limit 1 hr 10 min.
- C. There will be a maximum of five (5) runs allowed in all innings except the fifth in which there will be a maximum of ten (10) runs. Insurmountable lead rule is in effect (Game should end if and when win or tie is impossible)
- D. Game may end in a tie and need not be completed unless League standing is impacted.
- E. Incomplete games (less than 4 inning) need not be resumed unless League standing is impacted.
- F. Mercy Rule is 11 runs after 4 innings

### TB 2. General Rules

- A. Faceguards are mandatory
- B. Bats [DYB Rule 1.10]
  - 2 ¼" D must be BPF 1.15 Approved
  - Big Barrel bats are legal for this Level of play
- C. Each team is allowed to have six (6) coaches, which includes the manager. This will allow two base coaches, one coach in the dug-out, 2 coaches in the outfield and one coach for pitching.
- D. The adult pitcher must pitch from the pitching rubber. When the pitch is released, every infielder, including the defensive pitcher, who must be in the circle, may stand in front of an imaginary line drawn between the 1st and 3rd bases.
- E. If the adult pitcher is hit by a batted ball or the coach inadvertently interferes with the fielder, the ball is dead and it will be a "no pitch".
- F. Hitting –
  - Five (5) pitches or three (3) strikes, whichever comes first.
  - The first 3 pitches must be taken from the coach pitch. At the coaches' discretion, any of the additional 2 pitches may be taken from the tee or from the coach pitch.
  - If the fifth pitch is fouled, the batter will be allowed one (1) extra pitch.
  - No more than a total of six (6) pitches.
  - A batted ball that does not travel outside a marked ten (10) foot radius of home plate is a foul ball.
- G. Each team to provide their own baseballs. (1 per game minimum per team)
- H. Plays not allowed.
  - No Intentional walk
  - No bunting
  - No Infield Fly
  - No Leading off from base
  - No Base stealing
  - No head first slide
- I. Free defensive substitutions are permitted provided that minimum play requirements, determined by each team's Local Association, are met.
- J. All players who are eligible to participate shall be placed in the batting order and bat consecutively in that order.
- K. 10 players will be allowed on defense with standard infield and 10th player in the outfield.
- L. If a team starts play with eight (8) players, an automatic out will be taken for the ninth (9th) position in the batting order for every cycle through the batting order. (No penalty of an out, if loss during the game is due to injury/sickness). At the discretion of the team Manager; If a player arrives late for the game, that player may enter the game and be inserted at the end of the batting order, even if the team has already completed one cycle through the batting order.

M. The play becomes dead when:

- The pitcher or any defensive player has control of the ball inside the pitching circle. Runners will be awarded bases according to their position relative to a line drawn midway between first- second, second-third and third-home bases.
- Any defensive player is standing ahead of the lead runner and ask for time. (Any runner other than the lead runner should be allowed to advance to the next open base before time is granted)

N. A team warning for "slinging the bat" will be issued for the 1st offense. Any player from that team will be called out on any subsequent occurrence.

O. If a player is injured in a game and cannot play, move the batting order up one player. If the player is able to return to play, reenter the player back in same spot in the lineup.

P. An adult catcher, may be allowed when a team is on offense. The catcher must stand against the fence and not interfere with the catcher from the other team. They are only there to speed up the game by returning balls that may get passed the catcher.

### **TB 3. Replacement Players**

Will be allowed during Regular Season but not Post Season Tournament play, when your team falls below nine (9) players.

A. Replacement player(s) can be from another REC. team of same Level from your Association

B. If only one (1) team in your Association, replacement player(s) can be from an other REC. team of same Level in your League

C. Cannot add to more than nine (9) players to a team.

D. The added player(s) must bat last and play in the outfield.

Note: Please be advised and inform your players and parents that USA baseball, the governing body for youth baseball will issue a new standard for bats by September of 2017. The intent behind the new standard is to offer bats who's response is as close as possible to a wood bat.

The new standard will take effect on January 2018 and it is likely that all Non-Wooden bats used in 2017 may be declared illegal.

The new standard will cover all level of play, College, High School as well all Level of recreational baseball and will likely be the standard adopted by all Athletic Organizations.