

# TYKE DIVISION

## 1 Batting Helmets

- (a) Batting Helmets must additionally have an approved full face cage.
- (b) The pitchers helper must wear an approved batting helmet with and full face cage.

## 2 Player Rotation

- (a) **COACHES MUST STRIVE FOR EQUAL PLAY OF ALL PLAYERS.**
- (b) All players must play the minimum of every other inning and no player will be sat out a second time until all players have sat out for one inning.
- (c) The same applies for sitting a third inning, if necessary. Exception to this is for injury, sickness, or personal hygiene.
- (d.1) **Teams that do not have an equal amount of players for a game, will abide by the following:**
- (d.2) **The team with the fewer number of players will continue through their rotation until they achieve the same number of batters as the other team.**
- (d.3) **In subsequent innings, the team with the fewer players will start the next inning by batting their next batter in the order from last inning.**
- (e) **The Tyke Shift - When the next batter due up to bat is on base, that player will leave that base. All base runners behind that player will advance one base. The next player in the batting order will become a base runner where the last base runner was.**
- (e.1) **eg. Bases loaded. Player 1 is on 3rd, player 2 is on 2nd, player 3 is on 1st. Player 1 must now bat. Player 2 moves to 3rd, player 3 moves to 2nd and player 4 becomes a runner on 1st.**

## 3 Fielding Rules

- (a.1) **The minimum number of players to play a game is 5. This rule only applies in Tyke.** NEW
- (a.2) **All defensive players, to a maximum of ten, should be on the field. No player shall sit if there is less than or equal to 10 players, unless injured.** \*\*\*\*\*
- (b) 8 foot circle must be chalked around the pitchers plate. A line will be drawn across the circle from the pitching plate .
- (c) Outfielders must be a minimum of 5 feet beyond baseline area in fair territory.
- (d) The infield fly rule is NOT in effect.
- (e) **No lead offs or base stealing is allowed.** \*\*\*\*\*
- (f) A ball hit in fair territory will be deemed a legally batted ball and not a bunt, regardless of the distance traveled, provided at the discretion of the umpire, the batter made a genuine attempt at a full swing.

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- (g) All players should be encouraged to attempt to get an out by throwing the ball a base. No extra base can be obtained in the event of an overthrow (exception: see Last Batter Rule).
- (h) An overthrow to any base, home plate and the pitchers circle stops play as soon as it crosses the base path or pitchers circle.
- (i) If the ball is caught or picked up at any base on the throw except last batter, play is stopped.
- (j) **EFFECT:** This rule is to entice the girls to throw and catch the ball without the fear of an overthrow.
- (k) **Base runners running to First Base should touch the orange part of the first base bag. Umpires and coaches are to remind the runners if they fail to touch the orange part of the bag.** \*\*\*\*\*
- (l) **Fielders covering First Base should be touching the white part of the base. Umpires and coaches are to remind the fielder if they fail to touch the white part of the bag.** \*\*\*\*\*

## 4 Game Length

- (a) Games shall be a minimum 2 innings with no new innings starting after 80 minutes.
- (b) There is no open inning.
- (c) In the event of inclement weather or time elapsed, the game will be considered complete if 2 complete innings have been played.
- (d) Medal games shall be 3 innings NO time limit.
- (e) In the event of a tie in a playoff or medal game, additional innings will be played until a winner is declared.
- (f) **All batters will receive 3 pitches from their own pitcher. If the batter fails to put the ball in play, the batter will receive up to 2 additional attempts off a tee. If the batter does not put the ball in play after the 2 attempts, the batter is called out. This rule will be revisited July 1 by coaches, convener and Umpire in Chief.** **NEW**

## 5 Defensive Coach

- (a) Each team may have one defensive coach during the regular season only.
- (b) The defensive coach may circulate beyond the base paths in order to advise fielders.
- (c) No defensive coach is allowed in the playoffs.
- (f) If a batted or thrown ball hits the defensive coach, the ball is dead and 2 bases are awarded to the batter and each base runner.

## 6 Player Advancement

- (a) If a fly ball is caught, there is no advancement of runners.

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- (b) Runners may not advance past the attempted base once the ball has been thrown.
- (c) If the batted ball reaches the grass area in the outfield, the batter and any runners may take 2 bases.

## 7 Pitcher's Helper

- (a) The pitcher's helper must wear a batting helmet with cage
- (b) One defensive player will play within the 8-foot pitching circle, behind the pitching plate line.
- (c) The catcher will return the ball to this player and not to the pitching coach.
- (d) The Pitcher's Helper must stay within the 8-foot circle until the ball has been hit. She may leave the 8ft circle to retrieve a ball and make a play.
- (e) The Pitcher's Helper must stand beside the pitching coach when the coach is pitching.
- (f) If a ball is batted to the Pitcher's Helper **within** the 8-foot circle, she may make an out **only** by throwing the ball to a baseman. She may not run the ball to a base, home plate, or tag the base runner. If she runs with the ball outside the 8-foot circle attempting such a play the umpire will rule the offended player safe. **EFFECT:** The purpose of this rule is to promote throwing and catching the ball and to develop team play.
- (g) If a ball is batted to the Pitcher's Helper outside the 8-foot circle, she may make an out by throwing the ball to a baseman, running to the base, or tagging the player.

## 8 Last Batter

- (a) Each team shall send an equal number of batters to bat in each inning.
- (b) When the last batter is up, the team batting shall inform the umpire and opposing team.
- (c) The inning shall end if the batter strikes out (fails to hit the ball fairly in 5 pitches) or the ball is hit and the catcher gains possession of the ball and then touches home plate (the ball must be thrown a minimum of six inches from the players hand to the catcher, not handed or intentionally rolled).
- (d) Any runs crossing home plate before this is done will count.
- (e) All runners will score if the ball is thrown out of bounds or if it goes beyond the backstop.
- (f) In the event of a fly ball hit by the last batter that is caught, the batter is out but the base runners are allowed to advance without tagging up until the catcher is in possession of the ball on home plate.
- (g) On the last batter, defensive players must remain in their normal positions (no defensive shifts of players on the field).