

# 2021 Farm Rules

1. Games are six innings (New inning cannot start after 2 hours)
2. All players must play the same amount
3. Teams should use a continuous batting order
4. A half inning is completed when three outs are recorded, or four runs are scored.
5. Base runners move one base at a time (Before Memorial Day). After Memorial Day runners advance at own risk
6. Runners can not advance on overthrows or errors (Before Memorial Day). After Memorial Day runners advance at own risk.
7. There is no stealing bases. Runners may take their lead after pitch crosses home plate.
  
8. Kid pitch
  - a. Kids pitch until batter is retired or “four balls” is reached.
  - b. Once ball four is thrown, coach pitches to a batter.
  - c. If a kid pitch player strikes out a batter. The Managers have the option of Coach pitch to that player with a 2/Ball & 1/Strike count. (Rule C should be agreed upon before the game by both Managers with the Umpire if this rule will be used)
  - d. Prior to Memorial Day there will be a minimum of 2 innings of kid pitch. After Memorial Day there will be a minimum of 4 innings of kid pitch. Games will begin with Kid Pitch.
  
8. Pitch Counts: Pitchers can Pitch only 2 Innings per game
  
9. Pitching and Catching in same game: If a player pitches more than 40 pitches, they can not catch in that game. If a player Catches more than 3 innings, they can not Pitch in that game.
10. Catchers must wear a protective cup.
11. Batter can strike out and strikes can be called.
12. 10 players in the field
  - a. Infield: catcher, first, second, shortstop, third, pitcher (Pitcher stands on opposite side of Mound than Batter, ie Right Handed Batter, Pitcher stands on 1<sup>st</sup> Base side of Pitchers Mound)
  - b. Outfield: right-field, left-field, left-center, right-center

- 13. The pitching distance is 42ft before Memorial Day. After Memorial Day 46 ft.**
- 14. Players may slide. No head first sliding.**
- 15. There is no on deck position.**
- 16. No infield fly or dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike**
- 17. Maximum of 4 adults inside the fence or in Dugout. All 4 must have background check completed.**
- 18. All Bats must have the USA Baseball Stamp.**