



## Auburn Parks, Art & Recreation

### BASEBALL (Grades 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>)

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Auburn Parks & Recreation Department is committed to offering quality programs for children. To help insure a quality program we require all of our coaches to complete the National Alliance for Youth Sports certification clinic. As part of this training coaches are required to uphold a coaches code of ethics. Prior to the season starting, coaches should hold a parent's meeting and cover guidelines for the season and have each parent sign the parents code of ethics. If you see a coach or parent exhibiting behavior that is not in adherence to the code of ethics please notify your coach or your league coordinator, Rick Bruya (253) 931-3043 or [rbruya@auburnwa.gov](mailto:rbruya@auburnwa.gov) . Game schedules can be found at <https://auburn.playerspace.com/>

#### **Playing Field**

- A. The distance between all bases shall be 50 feet.

#### **Equipment**

- A. Game balls, batting tees, pitching machine and protective equipment will be provided to each coach. Catchers and base runners must wear the protective gear.
- B. Metal cleated shoes are prohibited. Molded cleats or tennis shoes are recommended.
- C. All players are expected to wear sponsor's T-shirt while participating. Coaches are required to wear coach shirt while coaching.
- D. No restrictions are placed on type of glove used by any player at any position.

#### **Playing Rules**

1. A team will have ten players on the field at a time: catcher, first baseman, second baseman, third baseman, short stop and five outfielders. **No defensive pitcher is allowed.**
2. Outfielders will not be allowed to play in the infield and must remain ten yards behind the baseline until the ball is hit.
3. Infielders must stand behind baseline running from first base to second base to third base until the ball is hit.
4. Substitution: Free unlimited substitution of all players listed in the batting order.  
  
All players in attendance must be listed in the batting order. All players must bat in that order. Players arriving after the game has started will be added to the bottom of the list and bat accordingly.
5. Home team always takes third base dugout. All players must remain in the dugout except for the batter and the batter scheduled to bat next.
6. A team will bat a maximum of eight(8) batters or get three outs per inning, whichever comes first.
7. Base Running: 1. No leading off or stealing; 2. Sliding is allowed (feet first only).
8. Players must not sit out two consecutive innings of defensive play in a fielding position.
9. The ball must travel outside the arc (10 feet) to be considered a fair ball.

10. Play will be declared dead when the infielder has possession of the ball and no base runner is attempting to advance. The umpire will signal time.
11. Infield fly rule will not be in effect.
12. No new inning or 1/2 inning will start after 1 hour 10 minutes. Home team may not get last at bat.
13. If after five (5) good pitches, the batter has not hit the ball, he/she will use the tee or may walk to first. A batter cannot strike out. **Must use pitching machine unless staff determines that the pitching machine is not working properly.**
14. Base runners who run out of the baseline will be called out.
15. Base runners who are hit by the ball are out, the ball is dead, and all runners must return to the base they started from.
16. If you have only one player sitting on the bench when your team is in the field, you may put that player in as a sixth outfielder.
17. Two adult coaches may be used as base coaches.

### **Length of Game**

- A. A regulation game will consist of six innings.
- B. Official Game: If a game is called for any reason, it shall be considered an official game. EXCEPTION: Games cut short by rain must complete three innings.
- C. All scheduled games will be played unless canceled by the Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation Department or by the umpire at the game site because of field conditions.
- D. Scores and standings will not be kept.

### **Team Selection**

- A. A maximum of 15 players will be assigned each team.
- B. Coaches returning from the previous season may retain players who player for them last season is children attend the same school as the coaches child (see Youth Team Assignment Procedures).
- C. Player assignments will be made in accordance with the school they attend or the school they would normally attend. Players will not transfer from another school to play ball.
- D. All participants will play for the team on which they are placed.

### **Umpire/Instructor**

- A. The Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation Department will provide an umpire/instructor for each game and practice. Coaches are encouraged to assist this individual.
- B. Do not "yell at" or ride the umpire.

### **Injured Player**

- A. A base runner who is hurt may be replaced by a pinch runner if he is unable to continue. The pinch runner shall be the last player in the order to make an out. If the injured player is unable to bat and run for himself, the next time at bat he shall be removed from the game.
- B. A fielder who is hurt may be substituted for in accordance with league rules.