

St. Anthony's CYO *Lil' Babes* Divisional Rules

General

- ❖ Practices are only at St. Anthony's Field, and never away from the CYO Complex.
- ❖ The session starts at 9:00am
- ❖ Fields will be setup for skills training for throwing, batting, base running and fielding.
- ❖ The session will begin after the Opening Pray and the National Anthem.
- ❖ Line players up for the Opening Pray and National Anthem. Please make sure all players shirts are tucked into their pants.
- ❖ Players can not wear their hats backwards.

Skills Training

- ❖ During the first five sessions work with players on proper throwing and hitting stance at homeplate, base running and fielding.

Game Play

- ❖ After the fifth session the players will play games using the skills learned to get them ready for the next year.
- ❖ An inning is over when all players get to bat once.
- ❖ A batter is not allowed to slide into first base (*added to rules mid-2010 season*).
- ❖ At the conclusion of a game each team will line up on their respective foul line for the traditional good sportsmanship handshake at home plate (*added to rules for 2005*).

Batting

- ❖ Helmets must be worn at all times when batting and running bases. Helmets must have a face mask, even if it is the players personal helmet. This is a zero tolerance rule.
- ❖ There is no on-deck circle, only the player at-bat can swing a bat.
- ❖ Hit off batting "T" the entire season.
- ❖ Batter bats until hits the ball.
- ❖ Each hitter gets a single, except last batter. He/she gets a home run and clears bases. Please rotate the last batter between all of your players.

Fielding

- ❖ Players basically form a horseshoe from first base to third, plus a pitcher. The fielder should be slightly outside of the running paths.
- ❖ If players can throw, you can position several in the outfield—they can get the grounders that get through the infield.
- ❖ Bases are 40' apart.

❖ Please follow the St. Anthony's [CYO Philosophy](#) rules.

❖ *Have Fun and Play Ball!*

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