

St. Anthony's CYO

Majors' Baseball Division—5th, 6th & 7th Graders

Divisional Rules

General

- ❖ Practice for 10 minutes starting at the appointed time.
- ❖ Games begin after the Opening Prayer and the National Anthem, and not before. Please line players up along the foul line at your dugout for the Opening Prayer and National Anthem. Please have the players tuck their shirts into their pants, and take their hats off.
- ❖ Helmets must be worn at all times when batting and running bases. This is a zero tolerance rule. Helmets must have a face mask, even if it is the players personal helmet.
- ❖ Players can not wear their hats backwards.
- ❖ There is a 5 run per inning mercy rule. The mercy rule is waived in the last inning, agreed upon by both coaches.
- ❖ Mandatory cup-rule for catchers.
- ❖ At the conclusion of the 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*).

Practices

- ❖ No Practices before the opening of Spring Training Camp.
- ❖ Practices are only at St. Anthony's Field, and never away from the CYO Complex.
- ❖ In-season practices are only on Wednesday nights at specific times for one hour.

Fielding

- ❖ Nine players play the field, the reserve players are rotated in the game.
- ❖ In the case of not having enough players an extra player will be placed in the outfield to fill the absence of a player.

Batting

- ❖ There is no on-deck circle.
- ❖ No bunting.
- ❖ Dropped third strike—batter can try to reach first base, catcher can try to throw him out.
- ❖ Batter is entitled to his batting position, then the catcher can set-up.
- ❖ Strike zone is the width of the plate, and from the knees to the armpits. The Umpire has final say of the strike zone.

Base Running

- ❖ Stealing is allowed after the catcher catches the ball or it touches the catcher and passes him.
- ❖ Players cannot take more than one stride for a lead.
- ❖ No stealing home.
- ❖ Bases are 60' apart.
- ❖ Tagging up is allowed.
- ❖ [Infield Fly rule](#) is in effect.

Overthrows

- ❖ Runners can advance only one base on any over throw in the field of play or into the dugout.
- ❖ If a player is stealing a base, while there is an over throw, he is entitled to the base and then tries for one additional base.
 - IE: man on 1st, goes to steal 2nd. Throw goes into CF. Runner can only advance to 3rd base, but can be thrown out at 3rd. Another scenario—1st and 3rd—man on 1st steals 2nd. Throw goes into CF. Man on first can only advance to 3rd. Man on 3rd can go home on the over throw.

Pitching

- ❖ 2 innings per game--maximum.
- ❖ Pitchers are limited to four walks per inning. Do not remove the player from the game; rotate him back into the field.
- ❖ Pitchers must pitch from the rubber.
- ❖ Balks will be called.
- ❖ Pitchers are allowed only two hit batters

- ❖ Please follow the St. Anthony's [CYO Philosophy](#) rules.
- ❖ *Have Fun and Play Ball!*
- [All Divisional Schedules](#)