

Groton Youth Baseball Guidelines

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1. The safety baseball is to be used for the entire season. Bases are to be 50 feet apart.
2. The pitcher will be the coach (or a designee of the coach) of the batting team. Overhand pitching from one knee, or underhand from a standing position is required.
3. A spiral batting order is used. All members of the team are entered into the batting order.
4. Each player will be allowed five pitches before an out is called. **For the first half of the season**, if the player has not hit after four pitches, he/she will be given the option of taking the fifth swing at a pitched ball, or using the tee (only one swing).
5. Outs are kept track of. Each team will be allowed to bat through their batting order or switch after three outs, whichever occurs first. In the event that one team has more players than the other, the number of batters in the line-up is the greater of the two. The score of the game is optional.
6. If a bat is thrown in the act of swinging, the player is to receive one warning-if the bat is thrown again by that player he/she sits out the rest of the game. If equipment is thrown out of frustration (unsportsmanlike conduct) the player is immediately ejected from the game.
7. No bunting or stealing of bases is allowed. The runner may leave the base when the batter makes contact with the ball. The base runner may not advance more than two bases.
8. Base runners may not advance on an overthrow.
9. It is left up to the coach's discretion to continue after one hour of play, however, games end promptly at 7:30PM, regardless of inning or line-up situation. If a batter is in the box, and already has a count started when time is called, the batter may finish.
10. A volunteer should take the responsibility each evening to help the catcher put on his equipment. Because of the last hitter rule, it will always be possible to have the catcher put on the equipment as soon as he returns to the bench after his at bat. A volunteer from the fielding team should be available to back up the catcher.
11. All players must be rotated at least every two innings. A player fills the position of pitcher in close proximity to the mound area, and must wear a helmet.