

2014 Groton Youth Baseball Guidelines Majors (5th and 6th Grade)

1. Any thunder or evidence of lightning in the area, no matter how distant, shall be cause for the immediate evacuation of the field by all players and coaches until such time that the storm passes or the game is postponed. A minimum 30 minute wait for the storm to pass may be observed if agreed upon by both coaches.
2. Games are to start promptly at 6:00 PM. Each team should have a minimum of 8 players. Please allow only 15 minute delay in waiting for players to show. No inning may start after 7:45PM.
3. A spiral batting order is used. All members of the team are entered into the batting order. Bunting is allowed.
4. Pitchers are only allowed two innings per game and six innings per week. 1 pitch equals a full inning. If the pitcher hits two batters in one inning he is pulled from pitching for that game. If a player leaves the game as pitcher, he may not return as a pitcher. 7th grade students may pitch a total of 2 innings per game regardless of person.
5. All players must be rotated at least every two innings. Players are not to play the same position more than 2 innings per game.
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 the player he 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. Stealing of second, third and home base will be permitted, and will be allowed only in the innings with the player pitching. Base runners may leave the base when the ball crosses the plate. The first time a base runner leaves the base early, he returns to the base and receives a warning. Leaving early again, the base runner will be called out.
8. Bases are set at 60'. Pitching distance is 46'. An inning consists of three outs or 5 runs. In the last inning, unlimited runs are allowed. Do not allow players to run over the catcher.
9. A regulation hardball will be used for games. A safety baseball will be used for practice if desired. All batters, base runners, and base coaches (except adults) will be required to wear protective helmets as supplied. All catchers will wear a face mask with throat guard, protective helmet, chest protector, and shin guards as supplied.
10. Basic fundamentals and safety are to be taught. Good sportsmanship is to be practiced by all. The umpire's ruling is final. Coaches are to make every effort to assist the umpires whenever possible.
11. Base runners will be awarded one base on overthrows in foul territory. Base runners may advance more than one base, at their own risk, on overthrows in fair territory. Base runners may not advance once the pitcher has the ball (within 5 feet +/-) pitching rubber.
12. Player or coach chatter against the opposing team or use of profanity by coaches or players will result in ejection from the game. Offending player or coach must leave the field.
13. No head first slides into the next base (players may dive head first to return to bag). Players are not required to slide during games, but correct technique must be taught to all players. No intentional contact will be allowed.
14. An inning consists of 3 outs or once through the batting order.
15. In strike 3 if the catcher drops the ball, the ball is live.