



# **ST. CHARLES**

## **YOUTH BASEBALL**

### **BANTAM**

**5-6-year-old (K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade)**

**(This is an Instructive, non-competitive league)**

#### **GENERAL:**

1. Time Limits: All games have a 90-minutes maximum. No top of new inning starts after 75min.
2. Score is not kept in this division.
3. Umpires are not provided for this division. Coaches from both teams officiate in a cooperative and sportsman-like fashion.
4. No lead-offs, stealing, bunting, striking out, walks or infield fly rule exists for Rookie Ball.
5. No player shall sit more than one inning, all players must play the infield and outfield equally.

#### **BATTING:**

1. A team at bat consists of full roster batting during the first 3 innings. Any additional innings may conclude with three outs or full roster batting (coaches' decision prior to the game starting).
2. During the first three innings, if the Fielding team records three outs, the runners on the base will return to the bench (to celebrate the ability to get three outs), but the Batting team will continue to bat through the full roster.
3. After the third inning, if a three out rule is agreed by both teams (prior to the start of the game) and three outs are accomplished, the subsequent batter will bat next inning.

4. Each batted ball will result in the batter and runners attempting to reach the next base:
  - a. Advancing more than one base is prohibited, even on overthrows.
  - b. If the entire line up bats in an inning, at no time is the last batter permitted to keep running to home & coaches will ensure that each runner and batter advance only one base. Play will be stopped and the members of each team that are on the field will return to their respective dugouts.

### **FIELDING:**

1. Managers are responsible to ensure that all players are rotated to different positions.
2. No child shall play the same position more than 1 inning per game.
3. Managers and coaches are allowed to assist the players on the field during the games.
5. Players will play regular baseball infield positions. Stacking the infield will not be permitted. The extra fielders will assume a position in the outfield grass. A catcher is permitted as long as they wear a catcher's mask.
6. No player shall sit more than one inning, all players must play the infield and outfield equally.

### **BASERUNNING:**

1. Feet first Sliding allowed with proper instruction.

### **PITCHING:**

Rookie league is coach pitch only.

1. A hitting tee must be used after 5 pitches to ensure the movement of the game.  
**NO EXCEPTIONS.**
2. Pitching position must wear a batting helmet and will play next to the pitching coach.
3. Coach pitches are recommended to be delivered from the knee position.