

# Joshua Baseball Association

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Providing Youth Baseball And Softball for the Joshua Area

## Shetland Rules for Play at Joshua Fields

1. Lineups should be presented to the official scorekeeper at least 10 minutes before game time. Home team needs to provide score keeper, Visiting team needs to provide scoreboard operator.
2. This League is to teach fundamentals to beginning players. The most important thing to teach are the rules and to have fun with the game and players.
3. All players on team will bat in the order listed on your lineup at game time
4. Batter gets 5 swings on the ball. There will be a 10ft arch in front of home plate. If ball fails to go past the arch, it will be called a foul ball.
5. Coaches on the Field: One offensive coach behind the plate to quickly adjust the height of the tee for each batter and remove the tee once the ball is hit. Up to 3 defensive coaches on the field and **MUST REMAIN IN THE OUTFIELD** and give all instructions from there unless time has been called.
6. You may have Entire Roster on defense, at the coach's discretion. No Matter how Many players are playing, Deployment can ONLY BE as follows; 4 Infielders, 1 Pitcher and 1 catcher. And remaining players are to be deployed in Outfield, at Outfield depth. NO OUTFIELDERS can cover bases, make tags, and the ball must be thrown into an infielder, Pitcher or Catcher before time will be called.
7. On Defense, 1<sup>st</sup> Base and Pitcher may play each position for only 2 innings each per game. So, if you have a kid play pitcher for 2 innings, you can move them to 1<sup>st</sup> base for two more innings. After that they must play somewhere else other than pitcher or 1<sup>st</sup> base. Same Applies to 1<sup>st</sup> base.
8. All players must have the opportunity to play infield and outfield positions. The only exception to this rule would be a player safety issue.
9. 5 runs per inning.
10. Pitchers and other players may only "run down" a base runner in the natural flow of the game. If the ball is hit to the third base side of a line from home plate to second base the ball must be thrown. If the pitcher or other fielder runs down the runner, the base runner will be counted safe. Remember, we are encouraging fundamentals and not short cuts to winning at this level.
11. **Overthrows at 1st base** - All runners may advance at their own risk one base on an overthrow regardless of ball being in fair or foul territory. If an obvious attempt is made to make a play on a runner, players may continue to advance as many bases as possible until play has stopped. A player simply throwing the ball in from the outfield does not constitute making a play. Once all runners have advanced one base and no play has been made time out will be called regardless if ball is in the infield or outfield.