

## FOX "2024"

- **Games are 7 innings** or time limits. No new inning will begin after **1 hour 15 minutes** for the Fox League. Time determined by time at third out. If the time is 1 hour 14 minutes when the third out occurs, a new inning should start. Umpires should announce official game time to both teams. Games will end in a tie.
- **Fox league games will play a six-run offensive limit ALL INNINGS. The play where the sixth run is scored is live and all runs will be counted until the play is complete (by getting ball to pitcher or a third out). If the home team is down more than 9 runs in the last inning, they will not be able to win the game. Games will end in a tie.**
  - Games start at scheduled time **NO** grace period unless field is not ready.
- Games rained will not be made up unless necessary. Three (3) complete innings will be called a complete game.
- Home team is team listed first on the schedule. They are to provide the game ball.
- **90 second rule:** To allow more playing time teams have 90 seconds from the point when the last out occurs to when the first pitch is thrown to start the new half inning.
  - Speed up runner for catcher only, must be **last out**.
  - If the pitcher is not ready after 90 seconds, a ball will be called.
  - If the batter is not ready after 90 seconds, a strike will be called.
- **ALL THE PLAYERS SHOULD BE IN FULL UNIFORM.**
- Metal cleats will be allowed.
- The base runners shall not leave their bases until the ball is released from the pitcher. If the base runner leaves the base before the ball reaches the batter, the base runner is out. The pitched ball then becomes a dead ball.
- Seven (7) players must be present to field a legal team. If only seven players are present an automatic out will be charged after the 7th player bats. **NO AUTOMATIC OUTS WILL BE CHARGED IF 8 OR MORE PLAYERS ARE PLAYING.**
- All players should play at least ½ of each official game and/or scheduled game time.
- Run rule will be: 8 after 5 innings, 12 after 4 innings and 15 after 3 innings.
- **All players will be placed in the batting order. 10 players will be played on defense with four outfielders.**
- The infield fly rule **does** apply.
- Bunting is allowed.
- **Dropped third strike does apply.** With less than two outs batter may advance to first base on dropped third strike if first base is **unoccupied** at the time of the pitch. With two outs batter may also advance on dropped third strike even if first base is **occupied**.
- Any Filly or Fox player that receives a base on ball, may advance beyond first base at her own risk. However, they will be called out if they **hesitate** (umpires judgment) between bases while the pitcher is holding the ball within the eight-foot circle.
- Sliding is optional and not mandatory. Players have the option to slide but if a player does not attempt to get around the player and causes malicious contact will be ejected from the game. Some contact will occur. Umpire's discretion on attempt and maliciousness. Any fielder that blocks the base path without possession of the ball will be called with obstruction.
- Helmets **MUST** be worn by the batter, the on-deck batter, and by all baserunners. Helmets must remain on the head until the person reaches the dugout. An out will be called if the helmet is removed at any time before the player returns to the dugout.
- **Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated.** Any player, coach or parent that displays unsportsmanlike behavior may be asked to leave the facility with or without warning.
- Any Spectator or coach that is ejected for unsportsmanlike behavior must leave the premises and the player they are watching must leave with them.
- Umpires are responsible for keeping the game moving. Encourage teams to hurry on and off the field. Keep warm-up pitches to a minimum. Coaches please be aware of this and do your part to get a full game in.
- **COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR TEAM AND THEIR FANS. PLEASE LEAD BY EXAMPLE.**