

FOUNTAIN CENTRAL YOUTH LEAGUE
RULES AND REGULATIONS
(revised 5/3/06)

5 and 6 YEAR OLD BOYS /GIRLS

The purpose of the Fountain Central Youth League is to develop young people into better baseball players, and to also have fun with players, coaches, parents, and fans. The league is for 5 -6 year old players. All players will learn the basic fundamentals of offensive and defensive baseball. Sportsmanship will be conducted on and off the baseball field. The season and tournament rules are listed below.

1. Teams:
 - a) A team roster of each team will be filed with each town president at least one week prior to the first scheduled game of the season. After this roster is turned in, no player shall be added without consent of the Youth League Board. All players named on the team roster will be allowed to play in all regular season games and tournament games. No player shall be told not to participate in any game. Any coach found to be in violation of this of these rules by the Youth League Board will be suspended from coaching for the remainder of the season.
 - b) The league will consist of 5 and 6 year old players and with the cutoff date as June 1 of the current season.
2. Playing fields:
 - a) Distance between bases is 60 ft.
3. Playing Rules:
 - a) It is required that each player on the team play at least two complete innings. All players will bat in succession.
 - b) There is to be NO SCORE KEPT! This would defeat the purpose of this age group and the priorities of this league.
 - c) An inning consists of **10 batters or 3 outs** which ever comes first.
 - d) No walks are allowed
 - e) All players on the team be allowed on the defensive field at once.
 - f) Only the 1st 2nd 3rd baseman and the short stop and the pitcher will be allowed in the infield, and they must play behind the base line until the ball is hit and put in play. All other players must play in the outfield at least 15 feet behind the bases.
 - g) It is strongly encouraged to have defensive fielders make a play on a base runner regardless of the opportunity to get an out.
 - h) No running on overthrows

- i) Lead runners should not advance any more bases than the batter is allowed to go. (example, if the batter gets a single the runner on 2nd cannot go home, he has to advance to third and remain there)
- j) No lead offs from any base.
- k) A catcher is not required
- l) Each batter will be given 4 strikes and they cannot strike out on a foul ball.

4. Length of Game:

- a) Regulation games will be 5 innings or 1 hour in length, or which ever comes first.
- b) An inning does not have to be finished within the time limit, it only has to be started before the time limit has expired. Starting time will be noted by both coaches and umpire at start of game.