

**2019 Prep Boys Rules**  
**Harlan/Hoagland/Monroeville/Woodburn**

1. This is a Coach Pitch League.
2. Baselines shall be sixty (60) feet.
3. Pitching distance from home plate to pitching rubber shall be approximately (46ft). Pitching circle will be (16ft) diameter. Both pitchers feet must remain in the circle for the duration of the pitch and pitch must be overhand in order to teach players to see the ball in a normal pitching release. If the coach pitcher does step outside of the circle with any part of the foot, the play is dead but the pitch does count as one of the 6 pitches for that batter.
4. The game will consist of six (6) innings or 1 hour and 15 minute time limit, whichever comes first. And no inning to start after that time. Games can end in a tie. If the score is tied at the end of regulation play, no extra innings will be played. If needed, a playoff game will be played to make final seeding.
5. Field ten (10) players with a minimum of eight (8) players. Standard call up rules apply. Coaches may bring up players from T-Ball league to fill player positions.
6. Outfielders start in outfield. Cannot be extra infielders.
7. Every player must play at least every other defensive inning.
8. Prep Boys League will use DLL-1 (or equivalent) baseballs. (2019 Revised)
9. Three outs or ten (10) batters per inning. When the 10th batter is coming to bat, that coach shall notify the opposing team's coach that it is their last batter for that inning. If the announcement is not made, the batter is declared out. Play stops as soon as an out is made or as soon as the player pitcher has control of the ball in the pitcher circle.
10. All players in attendance must be in batting line up.
11. Each batter gets (6) pitches, with 3 strikes as an out. Last pitch must be swung at or batter is out, unless foul tip. Batter will continue to bat until he is out or on base.
12. No Bunting, walks, stealing, head first slides or lead offs.
13. For purposes of encouraging concentration on the bases, runners may leave the base after the ball crosses the plate. Players will be warned for leading off or leaving early the first time, player will be out on second offense.
14. The batted ball must pass the 10' line to be allowed. Fair balls hit inside the arc will not be counted as a strike, but will count as a pitch.
15. There is a limit of one (1) base per overthrown batted ball. On overthrows to first base all but the batter may advance (1) base. This is to encourage teaching the play to first base.
16. A batted ball to the pitcher in the circle is a live ball for making a play at first or any other base of the pitchers choice.

17. Only one base on any overthrown ball. Players should be encouraged to make a play on a base runner to stop play (tagging, force or looking a runner back), then get the ball to the player-pitcher. The ball is dead and the play over when the player-pitcher has control of the ball inside the pitching circle. Runner(s) not past the halfway point (30ft) to the next base, must return without being put out. Coaches will make the decision for each play.  
The intent is to train the players to stop runner advancement, then get the ball to the pitcher. Runner(s) can only advance one base on the first overthrown ball to the player-pitcher. At this point, the coach would declare the ball dead. (2019 Revised)

18. Infield fly rules do not apply.

19. Any interference by coaches makes that play dead, and the batter will do over where they left off. Coach's discretion from both teams on this. This pitch is not counted as part of 6 pitch count.

20. The batter will be warned for throwing the bat. The second infraction of the same player will result in the batter being declared out and all runners being returned to their previous bases.

21. USA stamped big barrels bats are allowed. Barrel size and drop weight are not a factor. 2 1/4 bats are still allowed. (2019 Amendment)

\*\*\*All bats to be used in the game will be lined up along the fence at the beginning of the game for coaches inspection.

\*\*\*Big barrel bats without the USA stamp will be grounds for coach and player ejection.

\*\*\*26" bats are considered a T-Ball bat and don't require a USA stamp.

22. Age determination: 30 April prior to opening day for boys -Prep boys ages: (5) with approval of board, (6) & (7), (8) tryout for Minor Boys.

23. Home team coach is responsible for setting up the field, providing someone to work the scoreboard, and tearing down the field. This includes raking around bases and low spots.

24. First and second place tournament trophies (or other awards) only, will be awarded. (2019 Revised)  
League standings are based on the following: teams overall record, head to head record, defensive runs allowed, offensive runs allowed  
Coaches are responsible for reporting game scores to the division representative or "rep".  
The division rep will gather and maintain standings for tournament seeding. (2019 Revision).  
These standings are only against teams in that league.

25. No Coach's options on these rules.