

Hereford Area 2013 Baseball Rules

This table is intended to provide a quick reference tool for coaches, umpires, players, and parents to use as a guide. Please refer to the detailed rules for specific information about each category. This table does not replace the official rules.

	T-ball & Clinic	Grades 1-2	Grades 3-4	Grades 5-6	Grades 7-8	Grades 9-11
Base distance	60'	60'	60'	60'	70'	75'
Pitching distance	Tee/Coach	35' (coach)	46'	46'	50'	54'3"
Innings	60-90 min	6	6	6	6	7
Players on field	NA	11	10	9	9	9
Dropped 3 rd strike	NA	Out	Out	In play	In play	In play
Balks	NA	None	None	Called (see rules)	Called (see rules)	Called (see rules)
Stealing	NA	None	Ball crosses plate (not home)	Allowed Ball Crosses plate	Allowed	Allowed
Leading	NA	None	None	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
5 Run rule	NA	Yes- 1 st 5 innings	Yes- 1 st 5 innings	Yes- 1 st 5 innings	Yes- 1 st 5 innings	Yes- 1 st 6 innings
End of Play	Ball to pitcher	Ball to pitcher	Ball to pitcher	Live ball	Live ball	Live ball
Infield Fly	None	None	In effect	In effect	In effect	In effect
Bunting	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pitch count	NA	NA	April = 40 May/June = 50 ** Coach Assist Pitch Rule**	April = 40 May/June = 50	April = 40 May/June = 50	April = 40 May/June = 50

All Leagues

- Batting order: All players must be in the batting order for the entire game
- Field play: Players must play at least 2 innings in the field
- Intentional walks: Not allowed
- Fake tag: not allowed. Extra base awarded
- Bat size: must say "official baseball" with maximum barrel size being 2 5/8 and length to weight ratio of (-3)