

HURON BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PROGRAM

6U League Rules

Game Time Rules

- Games begin at 6:00 p.m.
- Teams will play one game per week (weather permitting).
- All games will be played at Faben's Park.
- Cancellation of games due to inclement weather will either be made by the City of Huron Parks and Recreation Department (announcement on website of Huron Baseball and Softball League) or at the discretion of the head coaches.
 - Coaches may reschedule the game for a date and time when the field is available.
 - Confirm field availability with the 6U Coordinator before rescheduling the game.

Game Rules

- 6U is a fun and instructional league - there is no scorekeeping.
- The number of innings per game will be determined by the coaches during each game. The determination is based on the pace of the game. Preferably, the duration of the game will be one hour.
- At home plate:
 - Every player will bat every inning.
 - The inning ends when either (1) the batting team scores five runs **or** (2) the fielding team makes three outs and each player on the batting team has batted.
 - A coach for the batting team will pitch to each batter and a coach for the fielding team will catch for the pitcher.
 - Each coach has the discretion as to whether they pitch their batter underhanded or overhanded. To have the boys prepared for baseball and the girls prepared for softball, it is suggested that the coaches work through the season to pitch overhanded to the boys and underhanded to the girls. Because skills levels vary among the boys, it may be necessary to start underhanded and then transition to overhanded as they ready.
 - There are no walks or strikeouts.
 - After the batter swings and misses on five pitches per at bat, a tee may be placed for the batter to swing and hit the ball.
- On the bases:
 - Each batter and runner will advance one base per ball in play.
 - There is no stealing or leading off base. ○ Base runners will be called out if a play is made by force at the base or by tag. If out, the baserunner will go return to the dugout.
- In the field:
 - Every player will play in the field and play in a standard baseball position (except catcher)
 - Two players will field the pitcher's position (one on each side of the mound)
 - Four players will be positioned inside the baselines as first baseman, second basemen, third baseman and shortstop.
 - Any remaining players can be placed at gap positions in the infield or outfield ○ Fielders can make outs at the bases (i.e., throwing a runner out at first base)

Other

- Players **MUST** wear a batting helmet whenever they are batting, standing on deck or running on the basis
- A box of new baseballs will be provided to each team.

- At least one game ball should be given out after each game throughout the season so that each player receives a game ball by the end of the season.