

# GRACEAC 2006 Rules at a Glance

7th/8th grade league baseball (full rules at [www.graceac.com](http://www.graceac.com))

Innings played	7, extra innings are allowed if within time limit, played by Kansas City Rule: begin the extra inning with zero outs and the last batter from the previous inning on 2nd base
Time limit	No inning to start after 105 minutes, counted by umpire, certified on home team scorebook (exception: city tournament game must have a winner)
Run Rule	no max per inning
Mercy rule	15 run lead after four innings, 10 run lead after five innings
Substitution	Free substitution
Count	starts 0-0 all season
Batting	Rocket rule. If a player becomes sick or is injured, his spot is passed over without penalty. If a player is ejected or leaves, his spot becomes an automatic out.
Bunting	Allowed
Bats	any LL, JLL, SLL, or HS approved, as long as it is not damaged, max 2 3/4" barrel, drop is not enforced, BESR not enforced
Shoes	No metal spikes or cleats allowed
Intentional Walks	Allowed, runner is waved to 1st base (no pitches needed)
Field Dimensions	80 foot bases, 54 foot pitchers plate
Position rotation	no max
Pitching Limit	4 innings per game, 6 per day during DH, 10 per week (once removed from mound, player may not re-enter game as pitcher)
Balks	call balks after one warning or explanation to each pitcher
Leadoffs	Allowed
Stealing	Book rules. <b>Straight steals of home and squeeze plays are allowed.</b>
Infield Fly	In effect
Hit-by-Pitch	one base, unless: 1) batter makes no attempt to move out of the way of the pitched ball, 2) batter swings at or fouls the pitched ball, 3) pitch crosses through the strike zone
Courtesy Runner	Allowed anytime for catcher or pitcher of record. Courtesy runner must be player who has made the last out. (whether batter or runner)
Injured player	<u>Defense</u> : injured player does not need to complete his playing requirement if he stays out of the game. However if he stays out of the field he may not bat either. <u>Offense</u> : (while on bases) the player who has made the last out must take his place. Courtesy runner rule invoked. (while at bat) start w/next batter w/new count
Fake Tag	Obstruction call by book rule (delayed dead ball). Also, one warning per team then automatic ejection for unsportsmanlike conduct
Rough Play	No purposefully running over any fielder during play at any base, automatic dead ball out and ejection, no warning.
Close play	Runner must slide or avoid contact on a close play at any base, runner is automatically out (delayed dead ball out) for violation, no warning
Thrown Bat	One warning per team, next infraction any batter, automatic dead ball out, runners return.
Dropped 3rd Strike	High School Rule: Batter becomes batter-runner unless first base is occupied with less than two outs
Weather	When lightning or thunder occurs, delay game for 15 minutes from time of last sighting.