

## **6YO & Younger Call Notes – Zoom Call held on 02/25 at 8:00PM**

Made brief comments on equipment pickup and uniform pickup. Shared that player and coach shirts would be ready around 03/17.

We had some discussions on the weather. You can find more information regarding our weather policy at this [link](#). There are three ways we will provide updates regarding cancellations. The first notice of a closing occurs via X (formerly Twitter) from “@BWood\_Ball\_Club”. We will update the fields status section on our website which you will find on the home page. We will also send an email blast to all participants to notify of any field closings.

We had some discussion on the rules. This [link](#) will take you to the 6YO & Younger rules page for baseball, and this [link](#) will take you to the 5/6YO Softball division rules.

There are no catchers at this age. Teams just need to use an adult to retrieve the balls.

For those divisions that are pitching, we shared that most adult pitchers are going throw from one knee down from about 15’ away. Same applies to softball but because it is underhand, no need to be on one knee. There was a question about throwing underhand in baseball. We are not opposed to that if needed.

Player pitchers will wear a helmet for baseball or a face mask for softball. There will be four outfielders. If a team has players that have to sit an inning in the field, our suggestion would be to take those kids to the outfield in the left field or right field corner to hit off a tee or field ground balls.

Our target number of batters for an inning is 8. If both teams have 9 players, it may make sense for each team to bat through the order in this case. We would encourage you to avoid going over that number to keep the inning moving and the kids engaged.

It is not unusual during the game to have parents standing in the field with their player after about 20 minutes in the game. Their attention span won’t last an hour so just keep the game moving as much as possible.

Head coaches should find team moms or team dads to help in the dugout. Only role is helping get the right player out for the batting order.

We also suggested a team parent to help coordinate after game snacks.

We will have Picture Day on 03/21 and would ask everyone to get their team there for the event as it is our only fundraiser. More details will come from the photo company as we approach 03/21.

While the days are still shorter, you will have the field lights on for your practices. Both Civitan and Crockett Park lights are controlled by an app, so there is no light box or switch to turn on the lights. If other fields have lights come on and your field does not, that would be a good time to text either one of us to get the lights on for your field. Both of our cell numbers are listed below.