

7YO, 8YO Baseball Call Notes – Zoom Call held on 02/26 at 8:30PM

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 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.

This [link](#) will take you to the 7/8YO rules page.

We encouraged head coaches to find an adult pitcher as soon as possible and get that pitcher in front of kids throwing batting practices. Bad adult pitching really impacts a game and team success.

The most critical player positions in the field, where teams get the most outs, are between the pitcher and the 1B player. However you decide to rotate your players, we suggest only playing capable players at those two positions.

At 7YO, players get five pitches and five swings. At 8YO, players get five pitches but only three swings. The ‘at bat’ will continue if the fifth pitch is fouled off or (for 8YO) if the third swing is fouled off. A bad last pitch doesn’t get to be replayed if the pitch is bad. Batter needs to swing regardless of where thrown.

Both divisions are a stop the lead runner format. We encouraged head coaches and their assistant coaches to review the stoppage of play and the overthrow sections in the rules. It is best to familiarize yourself with these rules specifically so that you can coach your kids to understand them before games start. We sometimes get to the end of the season and teams still do not understand how to stop the runner. Get the ball to the pitcher who raises their hands to stop the ball or an infielder has the ball and stands in front of the lead runner

We had some discussions about use of Game Changer or a paper scorebook. We will have paper scorebooks for the 7YO, 8YO divisions in the concession stand at Crockett Park (back quad fields 5-8 have a concession stand that faces the batting cages).