

2026 "D" Baseball Prairie League Rules

1. Players should be 1st or 2nd grade in school. Players can play up to the next division but are NOT allowed to play down to a younger division.
2. The Little Prairie League will allow both youth (2 1/4" barrel) and Youth Big Barrel (2 5/8" and 2 3/4" barrels) bats. All youth bats must be USSSA, BBCOR or USABat certified.
3. No metal spikes are allowed.
4. Bases are 60 feet apart. A 10 ft. circle will be placed around the pitchers mound. The pitcher and defensive player must be in the circle when the pitch is made.
5. A game consists of 5 innings and 3 outs per inning. 3 innings will be considered a game. There will be no time limit on single games or final scheduled games unless agreed upon prior to game time with both coaches. If a time limit is set by coaches, there is no hard stop for time, if an inning is started it must be finished.
6. A team should have 8 players to start a game, it is up to coaches discretion if a game can be started with less than 8 players. If you have 8 players or less, there is no automatic out for the missing players.
7. Players may not steal bases or lead off. They may leave the base once a ball is hit.
8. A coach or an adult will pitch to their own team. (Three strikes). If coach is hit by a batted ball, it still remains a live ball.
9. Free substitution on the field is allowed at any time.
10. Complete roster must be batted in order.
11. When an attempt is made to throw the ball to the pitcher from any fielder, the play is dead. If the pitcher makes no or little attempt to catch the ball, the runner must go back to the previous base.
12. On any batted ball, runners may advance a maximum of one additional base due to an overthrow. Multiple overthrows on the same play do not allow further advancement.
13. The outfield will be played with 4 outfielders. No short center allowed.
14. Teams can only score a max of 5 runs per inning unless both coaches agree to have an unlimited last inning. If both coaches don't agree the default will be all innings limited at 5 runs. A 15 run rule after 4 innings will be enforced.
15. Pitch count is as follows: There will be a pitch count of 10 pitches. 3 strikes and the batter is out. An at bat will not end with a foul ball.

16. Infield fly rule and dropped 3rd strike rules are not being played.