

## **2025 “D” Prairie League Rules**

1. An eligible “D” player may not turn 9 years old before May 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade level.
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.
6. A team must have at least 8 players to start the game or the game is a forfeit. If you have 8 players, there is no automatic out for the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> position.
7. Players may not steal bases or lead off.
8. A coach or an adult will pitch to their own team. (Three strikes).
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. A runner can only go one base at a time on an overthrow.
13. The outfield will be played with 4 outfielders. No short center allowed.
14. A team may only score 5 runs per inning, with the last inning being “open”. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> strike rules are not being played.