

2021 Shetland Division Rules

1. The Shetland Division is for players 5 and 6 years old.
2. The Shetland Division shall play on a field of the following dimensions:
 - a. 44 ft. pitching distance
 - b. 60 ft. bases
3. A regulation game consists of 5 innings. No inning may start after the game is 1 hour and 30 minutes old. Once started, an inning must be completed regardless of time limit, unless there is a game following yours and both coaches agree to keep playing.
4. The Shetland Division shall use 3 innings as a regulation shortened game. In accordance, all references to shortened games in Rule 4 (Ending a game) in the High School Rule Book will read one inning less than stated. This includes games shortened because of time limit.
5. In the Shetland Division there will be no score kept or standings.
6. The batting order shall consist of all players who show up for a game. Every inning all players will bat once through the order regardless of number of outs. Fielding substitutions may be made at any time (free substitution) and do not need to be reported.
7. Every player who shows up for a game can play the field.
8. There are no lead-offs or stealing in the Shetland division.
9. In the Shetland Division, no bunting is allowed; a full swing must be taken. A hit ball must pass the chalk line that will be put in fair play in front of plate.
10. There is no infield fly rule in the Shetland Division.
11. A batted ball hit on fly to outfield grass will be a home run.
12. Forfeits due to not having enough players are not allowed. If you have less than 10 players no out will be called each time that spot in the batting order comes to bat.
13. A coach will pitch to their team. A batter will be limited to six (6) pitches per at bat. If the batter does not hit the ball fair a tee will be setup to hit off of. A batter will continue to bat until the batter hits safely or hits into an out. If the batter fouls off the 6th pitch and beyond, they will continue to receive coach pitches. Once a batter has missed a pitch after the 6th pitch, they will hit off of a tee.
14. It is permissible to have two (2) adults, in addition to the pitcher, within the playing field. These adults may serve as base coaches on offense, and as outfield coaches on defense.
15. No base will be awarded or taken on any overthrow.
16. Team listed first on the schedule will be Home team and will get balls from concession stand.
17. BOTH teams are responsible for seeing that the field is prepared for play. This includes putting out the bases, lining the field, and raking the field if necessary.
18. After the last game of the day, BOTH teams are responsible for returning the equipment and bases to their storage location, etc.

- 19.** Each team is to pick debris in the dugouts, on the field, and behind their respective dugouts.
- 20.** In the event of rain earlier the day coaches and parents shall arrive as early as possible to prepare the field for games.
- 21.** The players in the field that are 'pitchers' shall stand at least 44' from the plate (the pitching rubber extended) at the time the pitch is thrown.