ACWORTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Shetland Specific Rules

Please note: Our rules are meant to be guidelines for our leagues — not something to be exploited. Sometimes things are missed, or a loophole slips through. If you see anything that doesn't seem correct, please reach out to your league director. The League Director has the final say on any rule issue.

Division rules for coaches, umpires, and families. These rules apply to Shetland division games in addition to the league's general rules.

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1. A batter receives **4 pitches and 2 attempts off the tee** to put a batted ball in play in fair territory and past the pitching arc. If the batter fails to do so, the batter is out.
2. **Home team** is responsible for the official book / GameChanger. **Visiting team** is responsible for the scoreboard. (This is to follow Braves Country.)
3. **Regular season:** No new inning after 1:10, or after 6 completed innings. A game can end in a tie or with mathematical elimination.
4. **Postseason tournament:** In case of a tie at the end of regulation, advance to Clydesdale batting rules — 5 pitches, no tee, unlimited fouls.
5. No rolling the ball to a base to complete an out. The fielder must make a full attempt to throw the ball to the base in the air. This applies to every base and is at the umpire's discretion.
6. An overthrow at first base results in the runners being able to advance **1 additional base at their own risk**. This only applies to first base, and the runners may be tagged out along the way. If a runner advances more than 1 additional base, they must go back to the awarded base after the play is over and can still be tagged out while the play is live.
7. There is **no bunting** allowed.
8. Defensive coaches are allowed: **2 coaches** in the outfield in fair territory and deeper than the deepest fielder, and **1 coach** by the dugout in foul territory.
9. Every defensive player must play a minimum of **1 inning in the infield** per game.
10. The pitcher can make a play at home with the ball directly off the bat; otherwise, the catcher must make the first attempt. Other players can back up the catcher and make a subsequent play.
11. Only infielders can tag a runner or make a force out. The pitcher can only apply a tag between 3rd and home on a batted ball unless immediately following backing up a base and the out is made at that base.
12. Defensive players can only tag a baserunner out between their baselines:

PLAYER	TAGGING BASELINES
1B	Between home & 1st, 1st & 2nd
2B / SS	Between 1st & 2nd, 2nd & 3rd
3B	Between 2nd & 3rd, 3rd & home

13. Players do **NOT** have to slide at home if there is a play at the plate, but it **IS** the player's responsibility to avoid contact. If there is a collision due to the baserunner not sliding, the baserunner will be called out. ***** This is an update to the previous rule starting in the Spring 26 Season *****
14. Coaches will not argue with umpires. The head coach can call time and have a discussion with the umpire, but no yelling across the field. If any on-field or dugout coach yells at an umpire they will be warned once. After an official warning, additional infractions will lead to the coach being ejected. ***** This is an update to the rule starting Spring 26 Season *****

Rules Hierarchy: (1) Shetland Specific (2) ABA Coach Pitch / In Park (3) Braves Country (4) MLB