

SCOUT DIVISION  
Outline of Play

**A. PHILOSOPHY**

1. To provide every child regardless of physical or mental ability the opportunity to participate in America's favorite pastime of baseball and softball. To provide an environment that enhances the participants' self-esteem, physical mobility, and embodies the spirit of teamwork and community.
2. Having fun !

**B. DIVISION STRUCTURE**

1. All participants between the ages of 5 and 23 years old, or who remain in a school setting, with physical and mental abilities that would prevent them from playing in a traditional baseball or softball program.
2. The number of teams are as sign ups permit with up to 20 players on each team. When participation numbers allow, levels of play may be based on players size, age or skill level using T-ball or Coach pitch..
3. Games are non-competitive with no score keeping or season standings.
4. The use of a "buddy system" involving traditional participants of baseball and softball, family or community members to assist the Scout players catch, field and throw; and as necessary, get around the bases. To encourage the players to bat and make plays themselves.
5. Umpires are not needed.

**C. RULES**

1. Games will be 1 to 1.5 hours long and played on the Johnson Lumber Field near the Snack Shack at Britton Middle School..
2. The regular season will consist of 9 games which will normally occur at 11:30 on Saturdays.
3. Games will consist of 30 minutes of skills (catching, throwing, batting) followed by a game that will be approximately 30 minutes in length.
4. A wide range of abilities of the players will necessitate variations in play and equipment. The use of batting tee or coach pitch are recommended however, a player may pitch as determined by the Manager.
5. Managers, coaches and buddies are permitted on the field and the batters box to assist players as needed.
6. No lead-offs, base stealing, balk or in field fly.
7. The batting order shall be the team roster which should be rotated each week to allow each player to bat in all positions of the line up.
8. An inning will consist of each team batting through their entire order.
9. No outs based on strikes.- each player advances to at least one base. The last player goes around all the bases to home - retiring the side.
10. All players will participate defensively according to their abilities.

## **D. MANAGERS AND COACHES**

1. Managers and coaches will be recommended by the Division Representatives, from the pool of applicants, to the MHPB board for approval.
2. All Managers and coaches will submit an application.