



Rookie Division (8 & Under) Playing Rules

Category	Rule	Remarks
Maximum time per game	1:30	No new inning after this time. The remainder of the inning must be played out so both teams get to bat.
Maximum innings per game	6	Or maximum time per game (above), which ever comes first.
Maximum runs per inning per team	4	No open innings
Mercy Rule	None	
Minimum innings per game per player	Equal playing time, i.e. no one shall sit twice until all others sit out once	Ten players are permitted on the field each inning; every player must play at least one inning in the infield. Safety must be a consideration.
Tie Breaker	None	
Number of Fielders	All available players	Standard infield plus rover. No minimum number of players. Catcher position is mandatory.
Number of Batters	All available players	Bat around is mandatory.
Pitching Distance	30 feet	
Girl Pitching	After second Saturday in April	After a four-ball count, coach will assume strike count and pitch until the girl hits or strikes/called out. If last pitch ball is a foul, which is not caught; the batter will receive another pitch. After mid-season (second Saturday in April) After a four-ball count, the batter will be awarded first base. This will continue as long as a base is open for the batter. Once the bases have been load and the hitter has a four ball count coach will assume strike count and pitch until the girl hits or strikes/called out. If last pitch ball is a foul, which is not caught; the batter will receive another pitch
Max Pitching Innings		Pitchers cannot pitch more than 2 innings per game. Pitching any part of an inning counts as an inning.
Strikes and Strikeouts	There will be called strikes.	Foul balls are counted as strikes, except on the third strike.
Ball Used	10"	
Batter Hit by Girl Pitch	Awards first base	
Base on Balls	None allowed	Allowed after mid-season (second Saturday in April)
Advance on Overthrow at First Base	Allowed	Runners will only be allowed one base on overthrows.
Ball thrown to pitcher	Deadball	Ball is dead when it crosses the pitchers' circle and runners may not advance.
Stealing	Allowed	Runner may only steal one base per pitch
Stealing Home	Not Allowed	A play at a base or an overthrow to the pitcher does not release the runner at 3 rd base.
Bunting	Allowed	Except on Coach Pitch.
Sliding	Allowed	
Protests	Not Allowed	No game may be protested and arguing with umpires is not allowed.



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Batters:

- Only two players are allowed out of the dugout while a team is at bat, the player batting and the player on deck. Both players must wear a batting helmet. All other players must remain in the dugout.

Fielders:

- Ten players are permitted on the field each inning; Equal playing time, i.e. no one shall sit twice until all others sit out once
- The infield will be the standard positions, with one additional Rover. The Rover will be assigned a position at the start of the inning and remain in this position for the entire inning. The Rover has to be at least 5 ft. from behind second base before the ball is pitched.
- All other players will be evenly placed in the outfield. All outfield players must start each pitch no closer than the grass line.

Overthrows:

- Runners will only be allowed one base on overthrows. Player running to first will not advance on overthrows to second or third base. Player running to second will advance only to third base; player running from second to third will advance to home i.e. Batter hits ball to pitcher, pitcher overthrows first base, batter tags first base then goes to second base. If outfielder overthrows second base, batter is not allowed to go to third base.

Umpires:

- The league will provide an authorized person who will be positioned behind the catcher. This person will count balls, strikes, call outs, make all calls at first, second, third and home bases, determine placement of runners on overthrows, retrieve pitched balls and make sure the bats are removed after each batter.
- **COACHES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO MAKE CALLS.**
- **ARGUING WITH THE UMPIRE IS NOT ALLOWED!**

Coaching:

- There will be no defensive coaching allowed on the playing field during the inning.
- During play coaches must be in or near the dugout at all times or in the coaching boxes while on offense.

Misc. Rules:

- **Before mid-season:** Girl Pitcher: After a four (4) ball count, a friendly coach will pitch, from the pitchers' circle. The coach will assume strike count and pitch until the girl hits or strikes/called out. The bat cannot end with a foul ball. Therefore if the batter hits the third pitch foul, and it did not get caught, the batter gets another pitch. The batter will receive pitches until she does not hit a foul ball. At anytime the batter hits a foul ball and it gets caught, the batter is out.
- **After mid-season** (second Saturday in April): pitchers will be able to walk batters.
- Base runners may not lead off until the ball is released by the pitcher/coach.
- Every player must play the infield at least one inning. Managers are strongly encouraged to rotate the players evenly between the outfield and the infield. Safety must be a consideration.
- There is to be no more than one manager and two coaches on the field and one coach or parent in the dugout during the game, all other parents and scorekeepers must be behind the fence. Only ASA registered managers, coaches, and parents are allowed on the field or dugout during the game.
- The maximum runs allowed per inning is 4.
- The home team is responsible for field preparation and providing the field umpire.