



Rookie Division (8 & Under) Playing Rules

| Category | Rule | Remarks |
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| Maximum time per game | 1:30 | No new inning after this time. Drop dead at 1:45. Score reverts to last inning. |
| 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 | 10 | 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 | 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. Ball is dead on any subsequent overthrows

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.