



## 9U Johnston Memorial Rules

1. Pitching Machine will be used for all games, the offensive team coach will run the pitching machine for their own team.
2. If pitching machine is struck by a ball, the play is called dead. Foul ball will be called.
3. Maximum 5 pitches per batter
4. A player cannot be called out on a foul ball.
5. Maximum 2 bases for infield hits
6. On an overthrow to any base, the ball is called dead. Each runner will advance to the next base. There cannot be multiple overthrow advances in one play.
7. 3 outs or a maximum of 4 runs per inning, with the last inning of play having a (10 run) maximum limit.
8. The length of a game is 4 complete innings but no more than 6 innings.
9. No new inning shall be started after 1.5 hours from the beginning of the game.
10. The umpire will call last inning before it begins. If last inning is not called and the game enters past the 1.5 hour mark, the game will not have a last inning.
11. 9 players allowed on the field per inning.
12. All players must play the infield for a minimum of 2 innings and the outfield for a minimum of 1 inning per game.
13. No player may play more than 2 innings in one position, with the exception of the catcher who may play a maximum of 3 innings per game.
14. All players must sit once before another player sits twice.
15. All teams will take their last bats, no matter what the score is. There is no mercy rule in effect.
16. Everyone bats.
17. On defence, 2 coaches may stand in the field to coach players
18. A level 5 ball will be used
19. Base paths are set at 60 feet.
20. Base runners must stop running once the pitcher has possession of the ball on the mound.
21. Any runner advancing to a base, when the pitcher has possession of the ball on the mound, must return to the base he/she came from.
22. Any base runner that overruns another base runner is declared out.
23. Leadoffs are not allowed. The ball must cross home plate before any runner(s) can leave the base(s).
24. Stealing bases is not permitted.
25. No head first sliding allowed. The runner will be called out.
26. Batter cannot run on a third strike dropped by the catcher.
27. The slide or avoid rule is in effect.
28. Players will be called out for throwing their bat.
29. First and third base coaches will call foul balls as there will only be one umpire per game.
30. ZERO tolerance for Umpire abuse from coaches, parents, fans, or players.
31. If a player leaves a game because of an injury or an emergency, that player will be scratched from the line-up and the team will not be penalized.
32. If a player arrives late, he/she will be added to the bottom of the lineup.

