

Rookie 8U Baseball (KID PITCH) Division Rules

Emphasis will be placed upon the instructional aspects of the game (sportsmanship, rules and technique). Any player using profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct will be warned by their manager or assistant coach. A second time...player must be removed from the game. If this problem continues, the league director must be notified and the player may face suspension.

Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Rookie rules will be followed, modified by the league and the following:

- Every player present is in the batting order
- Batting order must be maintained through the entire game. If a player comes late, they are added to end of the order. If a player is injured or leaves early their spot is skipped without an out. If the player reenters the game their original spot is held only if the player was injured.
- 10 players on the field (4 players must be in the OF- on the OF grass or 5' behind the bases) with unlimited defensive substitutions. All players must have equal playing time. (may play with (8) or "borrow" from the other team, however the borrowed player must play the outfield and does not bat for the short-handed team)
- Game time is 1 hour and 45 mins or six innings- whichever comes first. No new inning starts after 1 hours and 30 mins.
- Coaches Umpire games
- Score is kept
- Regular baseball with 3 strikes out/4 balls walk
- No dropped 3rd strike
- 3 outs per inning (whole lineup does not bat each inning). Coaches to flip order each game to give all kids equal at bats throughout the season
- Machine/Coach pitch will be used for the first 3 innings if agreed by head coaches prior to the game. Kid Pitch beginning in the 4th inning (no more than two innings or 50 pitches)
- Pitchers are limited to (2) innings per game regardless of pitches thrown or outs made in one inning
 - They are eligible to return as pitcher once per game in non-consecutive innings as long as they do not exceed (2) innings (for example – a pitcher can pitch the first and last inning of a game)
- If a kid walks 3 batters in a row or 4 per inning, coach pitch to finish the inning
- 5 run limit per inning- no mercy rule
- **NO** 5-run rule in the last inning
- No infield fly rule

- No stealing or leading
- Players should avoid contact and must slide “feet-first” – no head-first sliding
- No advanced bases on an overthrow
- Balls batted to the infield, or a ball batted past the infield position players-limit to a two-base max. (Help to teach the fielder where the play is made) Coaches’ discretion, each situation will be different. I.E. wild throw back to infield (hold runner) Ball to the fence or past outfielders (runner advances)
- NO ON DECK BATTERS
- Two adult base coaches may be used when a team is batting
- Two defensive coaches may be in the outfield while their team is in the field. (Only if agreed by head coaches prior to the game.)
- There must be an adult in the dugout at all times
- Helmets must be worn by the offensive team any time on the field of play
- Bats- please refer to the babe ruth manual or league website for bat rules
- Balls-League issued Ripken balls only
- Pitchers and catchers must wear a cup (athletic support) Recommended for all players
- Gloves-10-12 inch
- Athletic Footwear- cleats (no metal spikes allowed)
- *ALL MANAGERS MUST FILL OUT ACCIDENT REPORT FORMS IF AND WHEN AN INJURY OCCURS.*