



8U division is a non-competitive boys/girls baseball league. It is our desire that all players have an equal chance to develop and learn the basics of baseball while instilling a sense of sportsmanship and fair play. There should never be an argument/protest about a play from any player, coach or parent. If a problem arises, then please contact the baseball director.

General

1. Home teams are responsible to prepare field with chalked foul lines and bases. The home team is also responsible for putting bases away and raking out the chalk lines.
2. Home team should supply two (2) game balls.
3. Games are six (6) innings long or within allotted time frame.
4. No new inning shall begin after one hour and forty-five minutes after the game starting time.
5. 5 runs scored per offensive $\frac{1}{2}$ inning max.
6. Bases will be sixty (60) feet apart. Pitching rubber will be 40 feet.
7. Slaughter Rule will be in effect (11) runs after (4) completed innings and (6) runs after five completed Innings. Teams can continue to play if still within the time limit, however, the score will be final.
8. No bat greater than 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " in width shall be used.
9. No metal spikes will be allowed.
10. No additions will be made to the team roster unless approved by the baseball Director.
11. The baseball and league operations director will determine unplayable fields or rainouts. If no cancellation is announced, then it is assumed that games will be played. Coaches should not take it upon themselves to cancel games.
12. In the event of a rainout, the game will be rescheduled into the first available scheduled rain date while making every attempt to not exceed 3 games per week for either team.
13. Throwing of equipment (in anger), name calling or other misconduct will not be tolerated. The offender should be removed from the game and made to sit on the bench. Repeated offenses will be reported to the league director immediately.
14. All players and coaches will shake hands after each game.

Pitching Rules:

1. No pitcher can pitch more than one (1) inning per game.
2. No pitcher can pitch to more than four (4) batters in one inning. After the pitcher has faced the maximum number of batters, the coach will pitch the remainder of that inning. The pitcher will remain in the game and field his/her position.
3. There are no walks allowed. If a batter receives 4 called balls, then his/her coach will throw three (3) pitches to them. If they are not put into play, the batter must sit down. An out is recorded. The at bat ends with the ball in play or a swing and miss.
4. If the kid pitcher strikes out a batter it will be recorded as an out.
5. If a kid pitcher walks three (3) batters in a row, the coach will pitch the remainder of the inning.
6. Two (2) hit batters by the same pitcher in an inning and the coach will pitch the remainder of the inning. Hit batsmen should be awarded 1st base if desired or may face coach pitching.

7. If a coach must pitch the remainder of an inning, each batter will receive five (5) coach pitches. If the batter does not put the ball in play after five (5) pitches, an out is recorded. Batter will receive an extra pitch if they foul off the last pitch. The at bat ends with the ball in play or a swing and miss.
8. Each coach must pitch from 40'. Pitches are to be overhand, from standing position.
9. Strike zone should be liberal or open to assist the pitcher.

Defense:

4 outfielders, 1 pitcher, 1, Catcher, 4 infielders. Teams will need to keep track of players sitting on the bench. A player must sit out at least once during a game period. No player can sit more than one inning a game unless there is an injury.

DUE TO COVID, a catcher may catch two consecutive innings. Catchers gear should be cleaned between uses.

Players are allowed to bring their own catchers equipment but may not share with teammates.

Positions:

Players cannot play the same position in consecutive innings or more than three times per game. Each player must play outfield twice per game or outfield once and bench once.

Umpires

1. Base coaches will act as umpires.
2. A protest based on umpires call is not permitted.
3. One coach from the offense will call balls and strikes, remembering to open the strike zone.

Base Running

1. No leadoffs.
2. No stealing.
3. No base runner shall be allowed to advance more than one (1) base after a traditional put out at 1B or a force out at 2B, 3B, or home plate.
4. When a ball is hit into the outfield, in the air or on the ground runners may advance to the next base until the ball crosses the baseline or is caught by a defensive player on the infield dirt. The runner (s) can advance to the next base at their own risk.
5. Baserunners may only advance as many bases as the batter advances.
6. Infield fly rule is not in effect.
7. A base runner cannot collide with a fielder attempting to make a put out. It is understood that incidental contact happens, but if a collision occurs the runner will be called out. Play is considered dead and all runners must return to the base which they started the at-bat from.
8. Close plays should go to the defense.

Batting

1. Continuous batting order (roster batting in effect every game).
2. No bunting is allowed any time.
3. A complete ½ inning shall be three (3) defensive outs or (5) runs scored.
4. Batter must not throw bats the first infraction will result in team warning. Second Infraction and the batter is called out.
5. The adult pitcher should not coach the base runners after the ball is hit. He may position and encourage the hitter before the ball is hit but not a base coach. The base runners should be taught and encouraged to listen to the 1st and 3rd base coaches.
6. Coaches must keep players sitting in the dugout while the team is up to bat.