

# Joshua Baseball Association

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Providing Youth Baseball And Softball for the Joshua Area

## **8U Baseball Rules for Play at Joshua Fields**

1. **2 ¾ inch Bats are allowed. All bats must have the USSSA thumb print.**
2. **Lineups should be presented to the official scorekeeper at least 10 minutes before game time. Home team needs to provide score keeper, Visiting team needs to provide scoreboard operator.**
3. **All players on team will bat in the order listed on your lineup at game time.**
4. **Coach Pitches to his own team, base runners may not lead off.**
5. **The ball is dead when in possession of an infielder in the infield, the play has stopped and the umpire calls time. A fielder holding up the ball does not constitute a dead ball and the runners may continue to advance until the umpire calls time.**
6. **You May have 4 Outfielders on defense.**
7. **The batter gets 6 pitches or 3 strikes whichever comes first. Foul ball on 6<sup>th</sup> pitch, you will get 1 more pitch. If ball is not put into play batter will be out.**
8. **5 runs per inning.**
9. **Coach pitches to his own team. When the ball is hit, the coach pitcher must leave the field of play to the opposite side from where the ball was hit.**
10. **If a ball strikes coach-pitcher, ball is dead and played as a foul ball, runners do not advance.**
11. **Coach Pitcher may not communicate in any way with the batter unless there is an offensive or defensive time out called. The coach pitcher may not communicate during a time out after a play has been made. Communication includes gestures, motioning, verbal, or any other action that could be considered instruction.**
12. **Overthrows at 1st base** - All runners may advance at their own risk one base on an overthrow regardless of ball being in fair or foul territory. If an obvious attempt is made to make a play on a runner, players may continue to advance as many bases as possible until play has stopped. A player simply throwing the ball in from the outfield does not constitute making a play. Once all runners have advanced one base and no play has been made time out will be called regardless if ball is in the infield or outfield.