

## Youth Rec Baseball League

### Game Play

- **Complete game:** 5 innings | *No new inning shall begin after 1:20*
- **Complete inning:** 3 outs or 5 runs

### Run Rules

- 5 runs per inning
- *No more than 5 runs may be scored per inning except as a result of a home run over the fence.*
- There will be no mercy rule to end a game. If the run difference reaches 12 at any point, that will be considered the final score. Game will continue to time or innings limit.

### Batting

- If batter is hit by pitch by player-pitcher, offense chooses whether to take base or stay at bat
- No walks; if batter receives 4 pitched balls from opposing pitcher called “ball” by umpire, the batter’s coach will pitch the remaining strikes to that batter.
- If batter fails to put one of the coach-pitched balls in fair play, the batter is out.
  - Example: Batter receives 4 pitches called “ball” by umpire and 1 strike. Offensive coach would come out and pitch remaining strikes (2).
- Dropped third strike rule is not in play. Batter is out.
- Bunting is not allowed.
- If batted ball hits coach in play: DEAD ball, batter awarded first. Others advance *if forced*.

### Pitching

- Pitchers should not throw more than 3 innings in one game.
- This is to protect young arms and allow others to pitch as well.
- Pitching mound will be 46’.
- Infield fly rule is in effect.

### Defense

- Player/pitcher may not be in front of coach/pitcher until pitch is released.
- Max of 10 defensive players allowed on field: 6 infield, 4 outfield

### Base Running

- NO STEALING or lead-offs. Runners must wait until ball has been hit before leaving the base.
- Runners may advance only one base on an overthrow.
- TIME will be called when defense has possession of the ball within the baseline.
- If runner is past halfway to the next base, he is granted that base.
- Base lengths could vary based on location, but league is planned for 65’ base lengths.

### Equipment / Uniforms

- Steel cleats are not allowed in this league.
- Catcher equipment will be made available for games, if needed.
- League shirts will be provided to teams who need them. *Teams may wear their own.*

### Rosters / Lineups

- Teams must bat all players in attendance. May field up to 10 players at a time.
- Teams may substitute freely on defense, but players must remain in same batting order.

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