



9U House League RULEBOOK

Equipment Requirements

Metal cleats prohibited. Soccer cleats or rubber baseball cleats are permitted. Helmets are mandatory for all batters, base runners, on deck batters and bat persons. Jock/Jill straps are mandatory.

Base distances are 60 ft, pitching is from 44 ft.

Game Guidelines

Keep within the time limit as per schedule; no new innings after 1 hr 15 min.

Home team will take the field first. The visiting team will bat first, the ½ inning is over after 3 outs **or once through entire batting order (whichever comes first)**. Once that is complete, the visiting team will now take to the field. Remember to keep track so all kids get equal playing time. All players must rotate their position every inning and cannot play the same position 2 innings in a row or more than 2 times during the game.

- Each batter is entitled to 3 strikes. Coaches will pitch to their own team after 4 balls. The exception is during mid-season and year end tournament when regular baseball rules apply, i.e., 3 outs per side constitutes an inning played, **to a maximum of 6 runs scored.**

A batter who throws a bat must re-bat with a warning and no out will result. The second offense is an automatic out.

The ball is called DEAD and play stops if the ball hits the L-Screen used by the coach if one is being used. Strikes thrown by the coach count towards the 3 strikes.

Teams require a score keeper to track the batting order. In the event of 3 outs the next inning starts with the batter after the last batter from the previous inning.

The coach will call players “out” or “safe”. Players who are “out” will return to their bench.

Prepare 2nd year Rookie’s for 11U (practice pitching & if players are ready they can pitch starting June if coaches agree).

Base runners are not allowed to lead off and can only advance when the ball is put in play by the batter. (No base stealing). Only one base allowed on an overthrow. INFIELD FLY RULE does not apply.

Coaches for the defensive team will coach from the field, offensive team coaches will coach from the foul territory. All coaches are encouraged to help the other team’s players.

Maximum of 9 players on the field defensively. Teams shall have a minimum of 7 players and no less. When playing with 7 or 8 players, the 8th and 9th place in the batting order are NOT an automatic out.

If the opposing team has less than 7 players by 6:50 p.m., balance the teams with the players present, play the game and HAVE FUN.

Any canceled game is the responsibility of the coaches to reschedule as soon as possible.

If there is lightening or weather deteriorates, CALL THE GAME.