

Division 2 (7-8 Yr Olds)

[10 game season]

1. Sixty-foot base paths, pitcher's mound approx. 40 ft.
2. Each game shall consist minimum 4 innings or 1 hour 15 minutes whichever occurs. Games start at 5:30 PM & 7:00 PM. Last inning may not start after 1 hour after game starts.
3. Games will be minimum 4 innings. There is no scorekeeping.
4. Each member will play at least 3 innings in the field.
5. No leading off and no stealing.
6. The first half of the season (5 games) will be all coach pitch from approx. 40 ft. at a reasonable speed. The pitching coach or designated pitching person will be from the team at bat. The second half of the season will be half coach pitch and half player pitch. The 1st, 3rd and 5th innings will be coach pitch as in the first half of the season. Players pitch even numbered innings and can only pitch in one inning of each game. If a pitcher hits two batters in one inning he/she shall be relieved as pitcher. **Batters can strike out and the three out per inning rule is in effect.** Coaches need to stress to the pitchers the importance of throwing the ball across the plate and de-emphasize trying to strike out batters.
7. The 1st, 3rd, and 5th innings will be coach or designated representative pitch. When the coach is pitching, each player will get seven (7) pitches to hit a fair ball. Strikes and balls do not count, and are only given by the pitching coach for informational use. No one can strike out or take first on a walk or hit batter. Players failing to hit a fair ball in 7 pitches must take a seat in the bench area and their time at bat does not count as an out. However if three outs are not made once all players have had a time at bat the inning is over.
8. No advance on pitched ball passed by catcher.
9. Overthrows (throws leaving the field of play)
 - a. A player shall be allowed to advance one additional base beyond the base he was going to at the time the fielder makes the throw.
 - b. A player may not advance on a catcher's return throw to the pitcher.
10. All players are eligible to bat in an inning whether they are scheduled to play in the field in that inning or not (continuous batter rule). Players shall bat as they are listed on the team line up card. The defensive team will have only 9 players play in the field at one time.
12. FIVE (5) RUN RULE: No team may score more than five (5) runs in any one inning. When the fifth run scores play continues until the ball is dead. The inning is then over and only five (5) runs are counted. The five run rule does not apply in the sixth inning or any extra innings.
13. An umpire will be furnished by the home team.